

Area counts ways to a 'lovely' Valentine's Day



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Fact or fable

Fugitive slaves found safety in 'White Church'

By BOB DENYS
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Secret tunnels underneath the White Church at Five Points in Romulus provided shelter for many fugitive slaves on their journey to freedom a hundred years ago.

The city of Romulus, beyond any doubt, according to local historians, served as a major linkage in the route Black Americans traveled before and after President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed their emancipation at the onset of the Civil War.

Local family folklore has recounted many interesting stories of that time in history, according to Historical Society President Pearl Varner.

Initially, little was known about the local "underground railroad" connection. But in 1955, when the White Church was moved back a few feet from its original site and an addition built, several tunnels or caves were uncovered.

For the first time in city history, positive proof of the Romulus connection to the underground railroad was made.

The Community Organization Team will for a second year, provide an interpretative history which includes the most recent findings of the "underground railroad," at the annual Black History Fair on Feb. 22 in the Burton Building, according to Christine Anderson.

"The whole story is a mix-

romulus roots

ture of folklore and fact," Anderson said.

Fact. A man named Jenks Pullen arrived in Romulus during 1832 with six grown sons, local land records state. He purchased land near the Five Points intersection. When surveyors laid out the township in 1836, the new town became known as Pullen's Corners.

Fact. In 1856, on former Pullen land the White Church was constructed "for use by all denominations." This included two local Methodist congregations, the Wesleyan Methodists and the Methodist Episcopal. In the 1700s, according to Varner, the congregation divided over the issue of slavery. Both groups however, used the church until 1903 when the M.E. church moved to its present location at Olive and Bibbins.

"The Wesleyans said they did not want any part of slavery and in 1842, said they would assist runaway slaves," added Varner, whose great-great grandfather, Hiram Morris, belonged to that congregation at the time.

"During the 1860s, in his diary, he wrote, 'I'm going up to the White Church tonight to hear a lady talk about slavery,'" Varner read.



Christine Anderson of Romulus stands in front of the Wesleyan 'White Church' at the Five Points intersection of Ozga, Goddard, Grant and Huron River. ANP photo by Bob Denys

Most of the known information about the "underground railroad" was compiled by former long-time resident and historian, Mildred Hanchett in the early 1960s.

When the church was moved and a new heating system installed, "they were astonished to discover that there was in-

deed, just as it had been rumored, a cellar under the church, spoken of as a cave, and a trap door in the vestibule leading to this hiding place. Here slaves were hidden during the day and taken to Detroit at night," Hanchett wrote.

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Kidnap victims stranded in city

As two young Michigan residents returned from Florida, their vacation dreams turned to nightmares when they were abducted and robbed at gunpoint Sunday night.

Enroute to their hometown of Sturgis in western Michigan, three young men, aged 18, 22 and 23 were experiencing car problems at the I-75 rest stop in Monroe, just north of the Ohio state border.

"While they were in the restroom, four guys from a motorcycle crew entered wearing their leather jackets. Pleasantries were exchanged and they offered to assist the stranded travelers. At this point, two of the three young men were grabbed and shoved into a van where they were abducted, threatened and robbed. They were eventually dropped off in Romulus. One of the suspects was armed with a revolver another with an automatic weapon," reported Sgt. Frank Prysby of the State Police Department in Erie.

"They were dropped off near Inkster and Goddard roads," said Lt. Ken Kraus of the Romulus Police Department.

They ran to the first house where the residents called police. In the meantime, the other Sturgis resident had called friends who picked him up without knowing the whereabouts of his other friends. "He just assumed they hitchhiked for help," said Prysby.

Both men were uninjured during the kidnapping, Kraus said. "At first we were a little skeptical, but after further investigation, we figure it's legitimate. It's an unfortunate experience," said Prysby.

Surprise!

More stores cited in sting operation

Local stores continue to get stung as part of an ongoing police operation issuing tickets for selling alcohol to minors.

Again, last Thursday, police officers from Romulus and the state conducted an unannounced investigation of seven local establishments which sell alcohol.

In the latest sting operation, a 19-year-old female decoy purchased alcohol in six of the seven locations, Wilmoth said.

Police ticketed the following stores: Romulus Liquor on Eureka, Sun Light Market on Eureka, Top Shelf on Eureka, Ted's Market on Eureka, Super Y Market on Middlebelt and Super J Market on Ecorse according to Wilmoth.

It was on Jan. 24 that five stores were ticketed when police visited 11 retail establishments, according to Romulus Police Chief Charles Wilmoth.

Each owner received one ticket from the city of Romulus and another from the State Liquor Control Commission. Both tickets issued were for selling alcohol to minors.

The maximum penalty from the city of Romulus is 90 days in

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jail and/or \$100 and from the commission, a \$1,000 fine.

"The only establishment which refused to sell to the decoy was the Metro Dairy Bar. I will be sending a personal letter commending them for their diligence in checking identification. Merchants must request identification from all person 21 years old and younger," Wilmoth said.

The sting operation has involved 17 establishments with 11 businesses being cited for illegal sales, he noted.

"Eventually we will hit all of the 22 stores licensed with the commission in Romulus. We will continue with the operation until we can reduce the opportunity for minors to purchase alcohol.

"Yes, it is a problem. Seventy percent of any local problem with young people can be related to drugs or alcohol," he concluded.

Wilmoth satisfied with crime report

By BOB DENYS
ANP Staff Writer

Six hundred nineteen more crimes were committed in Romulus during 1986 than the year before, according to the annual Romulus Police Department report.

In 1986, 5,890 crimes were committed in Romulus.

Crime increased by 11 percent over 1985, and Romulus Police Chief Charles Wilmoth confidently stated, "That's a positive sign. Crime is leveling off."

During the past five years, the number of more serious Part I crimes has fluctuated from a low of 2,403 in 1985 to a high of 2,723 in 1984. The total in 1986 was 2,599. This category includes murder, homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson.

These are crimes against people. The increase is nominal compared with other surrounding communities. We do not have a great influx of crime. As Romulus grows so will the crime problem. Criminal activity has stabilized," Wilmoth noted.

He mentioned Neighborhood Watch, increased "sting" operations and assistance from the Downriver Area Narcotics Agency as possible reasons for the stability.

"We can only see a further decrease in the rate of local crime when more Neighborhood Watch programs are instituted and when a crime "hotline" begins operation. The surprise is, these programs work," he said.

Significant increases occurred in the number of rapes, up 76 percent, auto thefts, up 51 percent and burglary, up 25

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percent.

Fifty rape cases were reported during 1986, up 20 from 1985. Auto thefts increased to 439 in 1986, up 149 cases over 1985. Burglaries increased from 528 in 1985 to 661 in 1986.

Two murders occurred during 1986 while there were four in 1985. Four people were killed by an automobile driver last year while only one was killed in 1985.

Decreases were also recorded in the number of assaults from 163 in 1985 to 148 in 1986. Larceny decreased by 7 percent, down from 1,258 in 1985 to 1,164 in 1986. Arson was down from 61 in 1985 to 55 in 1986.

Romulus police initiated an increase in activity with Part II crimes as opposed to citizen complaints, Wilmoth noted.

In the 14 categories, decreases were noted with the possession of stolen property, down 300 percent from 100 in 1985 to 62 in 1986, sex offenses, down from 26 to 16, narcotics, down from 75 to 69 and liquor law violations, down from 51 to 41.

The most notable increases were reported in forgery, fraud and embezzlement, up 104 percent from 62 cases to 127 cases, malicious destruction of property, from 689 in 1985 to 805 cases in 1986, a 30 percent increase, weapons offenses increased from 8 cases in 1985 to 29 cases in 1986, family and children complaints rose from seven cases in 1985 to 48 cases in 1986, up 586 percent and disorderly conduct increased by 27 percent from 355 cases in 1985 to 450 cases in 1986.

"The department enjoyed a very productive year in addressing the crime problems of our community. The overall operation of the department was maintained at a high level of efficiency. Each member of the department deserves recognition for their fine efforts. We work as a team," he added.

Arrests increased during 1986 by 46 percent or 1,940 people. Calls for service by an officer also increased from 19,299 in 1985 to 22,876 in 1986, up 19 percent.

"I think our crime prevention efforts are bearing some fruit. Let's hope the present trend continues. This year, we might actually see a decrease in all crimes," he said.



Police Chief Charles Wilmoth, left, and Mayor Beverly McAnally congratulated Dave Early, who was promoted to Lieutenant and Daryl Poe, who was promoted to Sergeant. ANP photo by Lothar E. Konietzko/chief photographer



The best bees

The winner of the Halecreek spelling bee was Noelle Inch who correctly spelled the word 'continually.' At least that was the judges decision. Andrew Bowdell thought otherwise. For the complete story see page 3. ANP photo by Bob Denys

community calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

A WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM will be conducted for 10 weeks by Oakland Hospital beginning at 7 p.m. in the Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road. Cost is \$150 which includes aspects of nutrition, exercise and behavior modification. For information, call 593-7205.

A CHICKEN SUPPER will be served at 5 p.m. by Willow United Methodist Church, Willow Road, east of Waltz. Adults cost \$4.50 and children \$3. For information call 699-6519.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB of the Westland Department on Aging meets each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Hall C at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road. The \$2 charge includes refreshments.

A FUNDRAISING BINGO is sponsored by the Senior Adult Program of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Prize money, a progressive jackpot, refreshments and socializing are featured. The group meets at the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette Road, Westland. The event is open to the public.

A SWIM CLASS for the "terrified-of-water" meets from 8 to 8:45 p.m. each Wednesday at the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 721-7044.

MOTHER BABY EXERCISE is offered from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. by Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. For information call 593-7694.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

The annual **MOTHER/SON VALENTINE DANCE** will be hosted from 6:30-8:30 p.m. by the Romulus Recreation Department at the Junior High School on Wick Road, west of Wayne Road. For information call 942-6852.

The **BELLEVILLE AREA SENIOR** Citizens' Club members will host their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgemont School. Bingo will be the entertainment of the evening.

The Sixth Annual **DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE** will be hosted at 7:30 p.m. in the Bailey Recreation Center, 3661 Ford Road. Tickets are \$3.50 per couple or \$4 for three or more people.

The **GOLDEN HOUR CLUB** serves pot luck at noon in the Wayne Community Center.

A **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be sponsored from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. by the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 W. Warren Road, Westland. For information about donating blood, call 728-6100.

The field trip **TO LIMA, OHIO** by the Wayne-Westland Community Seniors will depart via bus from the Dyer Center at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served in the "Old Barn," Pepsi Cola Company will be toured and the McDonnell House will be visited. The cost is \$14 and reservations are required.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

The Michigan based "**AUDIENCE BAND," FOOTLOOSE** will bring their "uptown down-home" acoustic entertainment to the Downriver area at 8 p.m. in the Seitz Junior High School, Riverview. The program is sponsored by the Downriver Council for the Arts. Tickets cost \$7. For information call 283-8933.

The **VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION** of the Westland Friendship Center will be hosted from noon to 4 p.m. at the Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road. Cost is \$5. For information call 722-7632.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

A **ROAST BEEF DINNER** will be served from 5-7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For information call 941-0224.

CANTON CHRISTIAN SINGLES will host their Valentine's Day meeting at 7 p.m. in the Canton Assembly of God, 7933 Sheldon Road, Canton. Call 729-5151 for information.

The **ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON** of the Missionary Society of Womack Temple C.M.E. Church will be served at noon in the Milton Middle School. Tickets are \$6. For information call 721-7008.

A **VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE** will be sponsored at 6:30 p.m. by the John Glenn Instrumental Music Club at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Music will be provided by the John Glenn Orchestra and Jazz Band. Adult admission is \$7.50.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

A film entitled "**FAMILY UNDER**

FIRE" from the series by Dr. James Dobson will be shown at 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. No admission. For information call 484-3551.

The **YWCA OF WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY**, located at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, conducts ballroom dance instruction from 6 until 7 p.m. every Sunday at a cost of \$2 per lesson and sponsors a dance at 8 p.m. Cost of the dance is \$3.50 including intermission refreshments. Singles and couples are welcome. Call 561-4110 for more information.

The **WAYNE COUNTY COON** Hunter's club, 37816 Wick Road in Romulus, west of Wayne Road, hosts a Bluegrass Jam Session from 4-8 p.m. every Sunday evening. All bands are invited to come and play. There will be dancing and refreshments. For more information call 281-2511.

THE VAN BUREN POLICE Explorers meet from 7-9 p.m. every Sunday. Any person between the ages of 14-21 interested in law enforcement as a career is invited to attend. For information, call 699-7751 or 699-2714.

A **SINGLES DANCE PARTY** meets every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill (at Venoy), Garden City. Admission is \$4 and the music is by Chico. For information call 425-1430.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

A **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION COURSE** is offered from 7-10 p.m. by Annapolis Hospital. For registration call 467-4570.

UP FROM DEPRESSION is the topic of the free eight-week series offered each Monday from 2:30-4 p.m. beginning today until April 6 at Wayne Community Center. The program is sponsored by Annapolis Hospital and the Wayne Senior Services Office. For information call 721-7400.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, DEBBIE Hoffman will speak about "Coping with Arthritis" at 1:30 p.m. in the Dyer Center.

FREE LEGAL AID is offered to county residents in the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be conducted by Senior Plus, a comprehensive health care plan for persons eligible for Medicare at 10 a.m. in Annapolis Hospital. For information call 874-7979.

ANNAPOLIS HOSPITAL will sponsor a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation course from 9 a.m. to noon and a Basic Cardiac Life Support course from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For registration call 467-4570.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE screening is offered from 6-8 p.m. by Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. For information call 459-7030.

MARIE'S PINOCHLE CLUB meets at 2 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. The activity is open to the public. For information call 722-7632.

C-SECTION BIRTH CLASSES are sponsored by Oakwood Canton Health Center on the first Tuesday of each month at St. John Neuman church. Call 593-7694 for information.

The **ORAL MAJORITY TOASTMASTERS CLUB** meets at 5:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road at I-275. For information on the group, call Phyllis at 455-1635.

The **INTERNATIONAL CADET SQUADRON** of the Civil Air Patrol meets from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Roosevelt Elementary School, 36075 Currier, Wayne. Male and female students between the ages of 13 and 18 who are interested in search and rescue, first aid, aerospace education and disaster relief are invited to attend a meeting. For further information, call 721-6847.

The **SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM** of the Wayne Westland Community Schools sponsors pinochle games from 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday. Players meet in the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette Road, Westland.

A **CUED SPEECH SUPPORT GROUP** will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. each second Tuesday of the month at St. John Neumann. The class is sponsored by the Oakwood-Canton Health Center. Pre-register at 459-7030.

Learn **HOW TO BASKETWEAVE** at the Wayne-Westland Community Center Adult Club in the Dyer Center from 1:30 until 3:30 each Tuesday.

A **WEEKLY BINGO GAME** is hosted from 1-4 p.m. each Tuesday by the Westland Department on Aging in the Friendship Center, 1119 North Newburgh Road, Westland.

Publisher announces appointment of editor

The appointment of Joan Mary Dyer as city editor of the Belleville Enterprise was announced by Associated Newspapers Publisher David J. Willett.

"It is with profound pleasure that we announce the appointment of Joan Dyer to her new position. In all my years in the newspaper business, I have never known anyone who has mastered the range of this skilled journalist. Joan can do it all and with a proficiency that excels. She has what our readers have been asking for, and I am delighted, as I know our readers will be as they get to know her."

said Willett in making the announcement of Dyer's promotion.

Dyer joined the Associated Newspapers staff in March 1986, and was part of the team which produced the award-winning centennial edition of the Belleville Enterprise. Prior to accepting her new position, Dyer worked as a staff writer for the Canton and Westland

editions of the Eagle newspapers. She now has responsibility for the coverage of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

The new city editor has 12 years of experience in the newspaper field as a staff writer, feature editor and news editor for weekly newspapers. During that period Dyer earned three Michigan Press

Association awards for her writing. She was part-owner and editor of a bi-monthly newspaper and a writer for a business magazine. Five years ago Dyer left the newspaper field to accept a position as co-director of a counseling agency, a post she resigned to join the Associated Newspaper staff.

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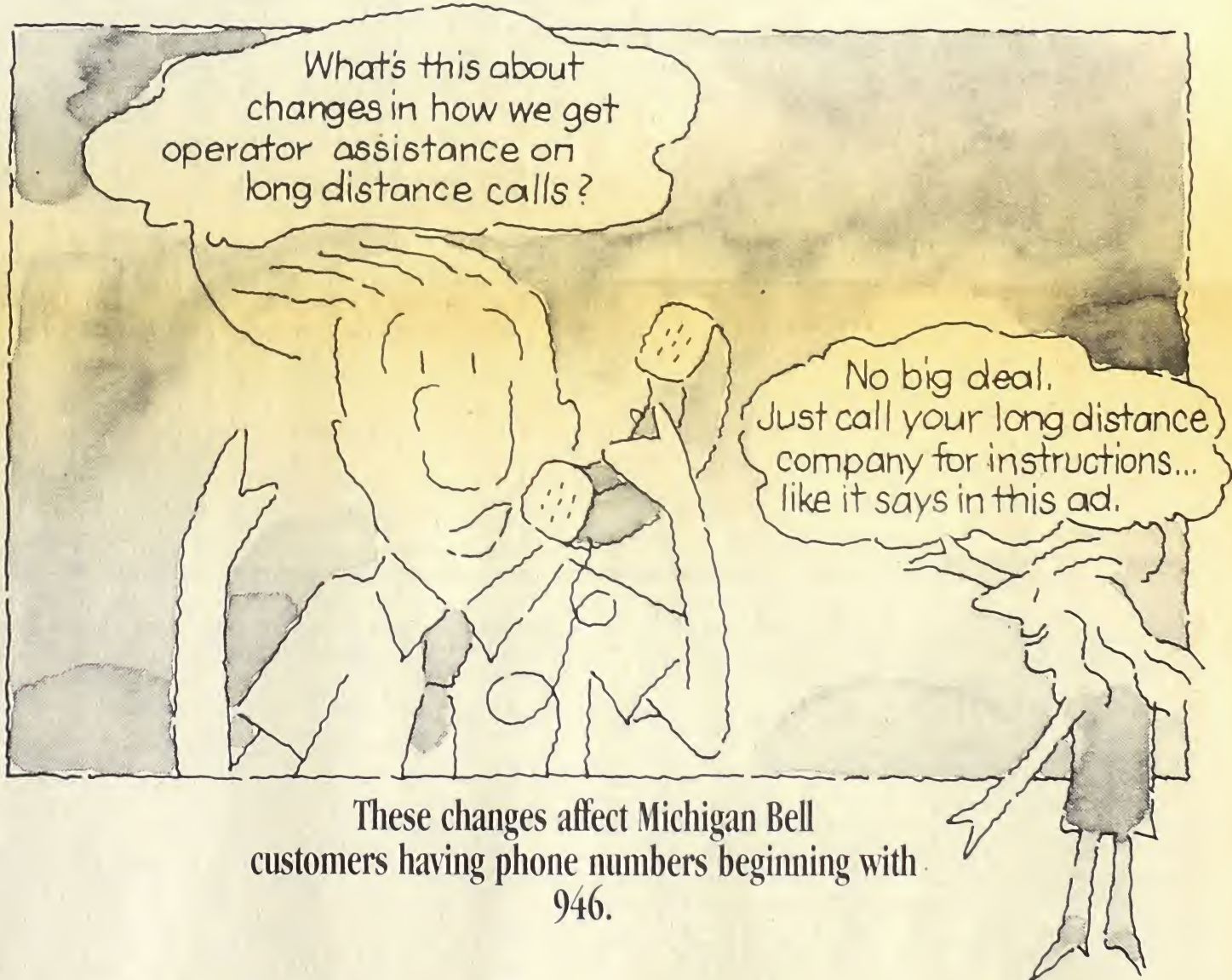
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Junior high enjoys renaissance

By BOB DENYS
ANP Staff Writer

The best kept secret in town cannot be hidden any longer. A change has occurred in the community during the past year and careful investigation traces its source to Romulus Junior High School.

School officials are beaming. Discipline referrals have decreased by 60 percent this school year, and a positive attitude has infiltrated the rank and file of both student and teacher alike in the Wick Road school.

"Kids are actually getting excited about going to junior high," said one mother.

Junior high teachers are receiving local, state and soon, national, attention for their activities with students. New programs in the school have created an about face for the formerly problem plagued school.

And the new image is just fine with Principal Tom Dolan.

"We've become more prevention rather than crisis oriented," he said.

The junior high drug program was highlighted recently in a metropolitan teaching magazine. The program equips students with skills as well as information. "A prevention team which includes two counselors, a social worker, the special education coordinator and other community representatives constantly review, identify and discuss the problem with students. This year, no kid has even been suspected of using drugs," he noted.

Only two incidents have occurred at the school so far this year, one student was found with alcohol and a student who threatened another with a three inch knife was later suspended.

Band Director Dick Kruse just won 97 medals with the school concert and symphony bands. In May, the bands will play for the president in



Extra attention is what it's all about as Principal Tom Dolan explains the lesson to Lisa Watson, left, and Shannon Stuart earlier this week. (ANP photo by Bob Denys)

Washington D.C. to celebrate the Michigan Sesquicentennial.

The computer classes of Mike Rains are making movies and competing with schools in cities across the country and in West Germany.

"Attendance at school functions is way up over last year," noted Dolan. "We're off to best start ever. That's a positive note. This year appears to be one of the most successful years of the junior high."

Of the most interesting additions at the school had been the institution of the advisor program conducted each morning from 8:30-9 in the students' homeroom.

In any particular month, dozens of guest speakers will address issues ranging from decision making, leadership skills, media, problem solving, drugs, peer pressure, or people helping people.

"We feel our students have been exposed to a cross-section of community leaders from many different professions. This has helped promote some

introspective thinking on their part. Ellen Stefaniak, Gary Barnes and Linda Cook were instrumental in the design and implementation of our first two themes," explained Dolan, who constantly diverts attention from himself to his teachers where he said "it belongs." He said the new vice-principal, Dan Hurst, is doing a "super job."

The parent association continues to involve itself in school policy and activities when it opened a school store last month. Earlier in the year, they purchased a school stereo system.

An Electives Fair, a blood drive, canned food drive, raffles and so on, "all initiated to direct the kids into a positive lifestyle and improve their self-concept," said Dolan whose school also sponsored visits from local elementary students to experience a haunted house at Halloween and meet Santa at Christmas.

"They learn about community resources. They're active and share time with the less

fortunate. The students are finally opening up," he said.

The assertive discipline program has as Dolan said, "adjusted behavior."

And positive behavior is rewarded. Each month an outstanding student is selected and awarded a \$50 savings bond compliments of Coca-Cola Company.

Teachers use their own time and offer an after school tutoring hour.

"Much of what we're doing at the junior high school is in the experimental stages. But it's the fact that we're doing it. Dan Hurst and I are doing a presentation next month to the Wayne County principals and administrators about the school's programs and to the state conference. In April we'll go to Chicago for a national presentation. The whole situation is remarkable. It's a metamorphosis," Dolan said.

"Dick Kruse used to be the only show in town, now it's Gail Fraley, Lynn Cleary, Debbie Juriga, Bill Thomas, Frank Rsiki . . ."

romulus news in brief

AN ARMED ROBBERY occurred at 8 p.m. Sunday in a gas station on Ecorse and Middlebelt roads. According to police reports, the lone employee claimed he was working when an individual wandered in and produced a knife. The man robbed him and wandered out. The employee was not injured. Police are investigating at this time.

RICHARD LEROY DEMAREST JR. 20, of Harrison Road in Romulus who was charged with the shooting death of his father on Jan. 9 was arraigned by Judge Donald Hobson in Circuit Court last Wednesday. The pre-trial date has been scheduled for Friday Feb. 13. Demarest awaits trial in Wayne County Jail.

The **UNCLE OF THREE** small children was charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct and two counts of child cruelty during a preliminary exam in 34th District Court last Wednesday. Calvin Addison, 18 of Oakbrook Townhouses in Romulus was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge James Stone. Bond was set at \$70,000 and later reduced to \$50,000. The victims are his brother's 8-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son. Police are investigating charges against Addison involving a 6-year-old nephew. The night the mother filed charges, the suspect fled with \$300 of her money to Florida where he turned himself in to Miami Police. His arraignment in Records Court has been set for Feb. 18.

The **THIRD BLACK HISTORY** Awards Ceremony at Romulus City Hall will be hosted from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 27. The semi-formal affair is free. Many local celebrities will be honored as well as an art exhibition and guest speakers presented.

MAYOR BEVERLY MCANALLY will be the guest speaker during the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday Feb. 17 in the Days Inn. Reservations must be made by Friday.

History

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Morris noted that food and supplies for the fugitive slaves were shipped through "The Corners" to Canada.

And folklore. Pullen family members pass down the story of listening at night to the fugitive slaves softly singing, "One More River, One More River to Cross."

Several families, including the Morris, Pullen's or Oakley's might recall in their own family history, according to Varner, how slaves were often brought up under a load of hay in the false bottom of a wagon. Several neighborhood barns in the Five Points area sheltered the slaves.

"A lot of people were involved. Pullens Corner was the

town and that's where things happened," Varner added.

Rev. Steven Denneff, pastor of the Wesleyan Church, noted that because little has been written about the "underground railroad" back then, "designation as a state historic site has been difficult."

"I've always heard Romulus was a stop on the "underground railroad" route. Last year, I checked it out," said Anderson. "In black families, many stories about the early days of slavery are passed from generation to generation. Dinnertime was often storytime. Segregation, slavery, it was just something we talked about," she added.

Youth program applauded

Youth problems in the city of Romulus are tackled head-on by volunteers and staff of the Romulus Youth Assistance program.

Since the program began in May, it has already proved a success, according to Margaret Leduc, director of the new program.

"Twenty youths have been referred and currently 10 have been matched. During the past year, two volunteer sessions graduated 24 volunteer counselors. The program continues to expand," Leduc added.

The Romulus Youth Assistance program aims to help delinquent and pre-delinquent youth and youths that are having problems in the community. The youths are referred by schools, courts, police or voluntarily seek help, according to Leduc.

"We are all concerned about why and how young people react under all types of stress. There is a need for several programs to help our youth. Problems in the community and the tragedies that have marred our schools are indications of a problem with youth," she said.

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Once accepted into the program, the youth is matched with a trained volunteer counselor. They meet with the counselor one-two hours per week for eight weeks. Together they share decisions about handling certain problems. "Or they may go to a movie or other activity. Whatever the situation warrants," Leduc said.

Volunteers are very special people. They work with the youth on a one-to-one basis, and act as a role model. The volunteers have learned how to listen and how to encourage youth to change bad habits, and take responsibility for their actions, Leduc said.

Monthly meetings with guest speakers are part of the continual training for volunteer

counselors and the community at large. In July, Sherry Bingham from the Knopf Company came for a two-night session on Chemical Dependency in Adolescence years.

"She talked about family relationships, and how to identify chemical dependency signs in families," noted Leduc.

In September, Lynn Parish, director of Beacon School discussed emotionally impaired children. In October, Michael Patty of Michigan Protective Services talked with counselors about the laws of child abuse, and how his agency can help families.

"During the summer, the Youth Assistance program developed an employment for youth. Seventy youths attended an orientation and filled out an application. Thirty residents inquired about hiring the youths for grass cutting, baby sitting or yard work," she added.

"Last year we expanded and this year we expect to continue to grow. Anyone interested in the program or becoming a volunteer, call 941-8585 for more information," Leduc concluded.



Better business

Two new members were inducted into the Romulus Rotary Club. Flanked on the left are Bernie Roberts, president, and on the right, by Elmer Goerke, former district governor, are new members Andy Solak, left, and Jerry Cichowski. ANP photo by Lothar E. Konietzko/chief photographer

Instant replay

Spelling competition contested

A photo finish would hardly seem likely in an elementary school spelling bee but it happened last week at Halecreek Elementary School in Romulus.

Initially, 26 students from the fifth and sixth grades sat nervously on stage in the school auditorium during the eleventh annual spelling bee.

Friends, parents and fellow classmates listened in the audience as each participant approached the microphone and attempted to spell the next word.

It was the misfortune of Kali Gilmore to misspell the word, "achieve" in the first round. Twenty four other hopeful spellers joined him in defeat during the next 17 rounds.

The two finalists, Andrew Bowdell and Noelle Inch approached the microphone at the end of the competition.

Principal Art McPharlin served as the announcer and delivered each new word. If necessary, students could request the use of the word in a sentence.

McPharlin repeated the rules when only the two final spellers remained. "When one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given the opportunity to spell the same word. If the second

contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion," he explained.

The word to Andrew was "conscience" which caused his defeat. Noelle correctly spelled his word and then "continually" to become the school champion.

But it was a photo finish or rather a video finish. Because as Noelle rattled off each letter, all three judges agreed she rolled those last two "i's." After being asked to repeat the word she clearly enunciated two "i's."

But Andrew protested. The rules state that "there can be no change of letters or their sequence from when first pronounced."

A video tape of the spelling bee provided some insight into the answer. Rewind after rewind, judges watched Noelle spell "c-o-n-t-i-n-u-a-l-l-y," "c-o-n-t-i-n-u-a-l-l-y."

The judges, Mary Ann Banks, school secretary, Bob Garry, head custodian and Bob Denys, local news reporter, agreed. Although still not 100 percent clear, it appeared Noelle did roll those "i's" and she was named as the winner.

Noelle will attend the regional contest sponsored by the Detroit News and Lawrence Institute of Technology in March. Andrew will serve as the alternate. The finals will be conducted in Washington D.C. later this year.

"The judges decision is final. But all of you are winners," McPharlin told his audience.



Grand Prix winners

Zooming into first place during the annual Grand Prix are, from left to right, Thomas Corder, Elissa Endreszi, Ronda Hawbaker and David Suacha. The annual event is sponsored by the AWANA (Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed) group at the Calvary Baptist Church on Ozga Road in Romulus. The Saturday event drew almost 200 people, according to Assistant Pastor Bob Casement. "Each youngster made their car from a block of wood which was judged on speed and performance," he said. ANP photo by Gene Minnini.

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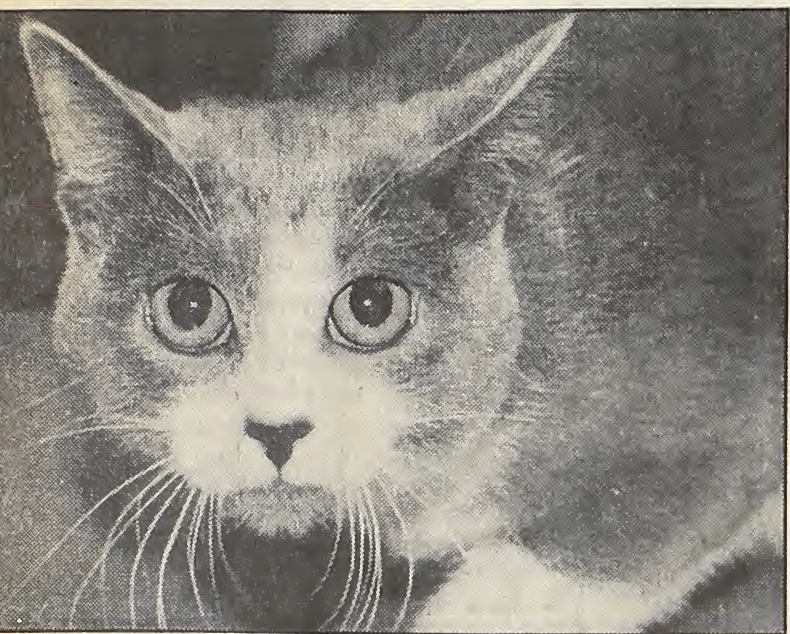
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adopt a pet



Greta is an 8-week-old mixed black labrador retriever pup presently looking for a home. The 12-pound puppy is good with other animals and children and would make an excellent family pet according to workers at the Westland Animal Shelter. Greta, and members of her unwanted litter, may get up to 75 pounds when fully grown, although she is considered thin now. For more information about adopting Greta (Control number 195109) phone the shelter at 721-7300. Photo by Chad Mena/Ford Vo-Tech Center.



Boo-boo is an extremely shy cat now available for adoption at the Westland Animal Shelter. Seven-month-old Boo-boo is good with other cats and children although her reaction to dogs is unknown. The 6-pound feline was left at the shelter as her owner had too many other pets, and she is expected to attain a full-grown weight of about 12 pounds. If you might have a home for Boo-boo, who is declawed on all four feet, more information about her (Control number 184992) is available at the shelter, 721-7300. photo by Chad Mena/Ford Vo-Tech Center.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE

FROM: JOHN B. LEWKOWICZ, TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

The Annual Romulus Dog Inoculation & License Clinic will be held Saturday, February 21, 1987 and February 28, 1987, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., at the old D.P.W. building located at the corner of Shook & Bibbins, Romulus, MI.

Both one and three year rabies vaccinations will be administered by Dr. M. Wirgau of the Taylor Veterinary Clinic. The cost for vaccinations will be \$5.00 for one year and \$10.00 for three years. Cat inoculations as well as a 5-in-1 Booster for distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvo for dogs will also be available for an additional charge.

ADDITIONAL FEES FOR DOG LICENSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Un-neutered male & female animals are: \$5.00 for one year, \$9.00 for two years and \$13.00 for three years.
Neutered animals are: \$1.50 for one year, \$2.50 for two years and \$4.00 for three years.

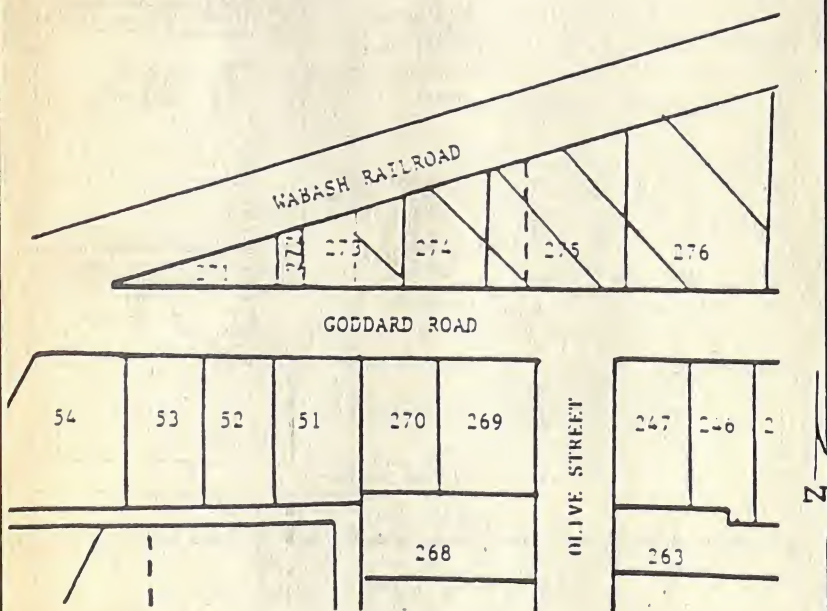
License fees for animals owned by Senior Citizens can be purchased at half price.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a public meeting to be held Thursday, February 19, 1987 at 8:00 P.M., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a request for Special Approval Use for a Tanning Salon to be located at 36738 Goddard Road.



Shaded area indicates proposed Approval

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said rezoning. Written comments may be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Thursday February 19, 1987 and addressed to the Building Department at the above address.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

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dan's dogs



dan morris

When can you play with the dog? Never!

What we mean by "play" is when the children get down on the floor, face-to-face with the dog and roughhouse or wrestle with it. The adult male in the family is also guilty of enjoying this activity.

All of us have been guilty of the above behavior. If we've been lucky, we've never been bitten by our own dog. Generally speaking, this is usually not the case, for the majority of facial bites inflicted upon people are done to children. The reasons these bites take place are from someone "playing" with the dog, thereby bringing out the dog's natural aggression or by someone having the dog live outdoors. (An outdoor-

living dog is so frustrated by the isolation that it cannot relate to people in a positive way. More often than not, the dog will bite someone out of fear (not as a protective measure, as most people think).

The family dog should be considered a companion. It is not a toy nor is it a stuffed creature. It has feelings and protective instincts which it will use to defend himself - even against the children who profess to love him.

To make my point, let me tell you one horror story which I hope serves to impress upon you the seriousness of the possible dangers of playing with the dog.

A woman enrolled her dog in class mainly because the dog was so energetic and kept "mouthing" her and her teenagers. We immediately cautioned her against any horseplay and teasing of her dog. She told me in no uncertain terms that her children enjoyed that activity and she couldn't watch them and the dog every minute of the day. After all, this was their dog and the dog loved them and would never hurt her children.

We could do no more than caution her over and over,

emphasizing how teasing the dog defeated the entire purpose of training. She told me I was an idiot!

A few weeks passed and she called our school, frantic and in tears. She didn't know what to do about her dog. That week it had bitten off four fingers of her daughter's hand. The doctors could not save the fingers so the teenager was marred for life.

This was done by the family "toy" - the same dog the children would not stop teasing - the same dog who couldn't say the words, "Please leave me alone".

Believe your trainer's instructions. He's supposed to know that he's doing.

the letter writer

CUSTOMER COMPLAINS, EMPLOYEE EXPLAINS!

Your responses to my column are appreciated. Please continue to keep in touch with me at 42245 Ann Arbor Road, PMC Center, Suite 109LL, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or 455-8892.

INTERVIEW SYNOPSIS:

BG works at a ticket counter for a major airline. On Feb. 25, 1986, her supervisor presented her with a complaint letter from a passenger. In BG's opinion, the letter demanded a response so that her "work record" would not be affected or her behavior left undefended.

Dear Station Manager Supervisor:

Please accept this letter as my explanation and reaction to the referenced letter regarding my conduct as an employee of



ginny eades

the airline. I respectfully request that this correspondence be made a part of my personnel file and that the letter from Mrs. VB be removed. (For your convenience, I have attached a photocopy of the referenced letter as well as a Speed Reply Memo from my colleague containing comments on this matter.)

In short, I deny all of the allegations in Mrs. VB's letter of Feb. 25, 1986, and I categorically state that at no time during my 13 years of employment have I ever behaved or conducted myself in the manner expressed by Mrs. VB.

By way of explanation, Mrs. VB presented herself, together with her male companion, before me approximately 10 minutes before flight time with a large piece of luggage. I proceeded to give her a boarding pass while explaining that her luggage would have to follow her on the next departing flight at 9:35 p.m. At no time did I tell her that she could not board the airplane. Mrs. VB and her companion became excessively agitated, raised their voices and attempted to engage in an argument with me, indicating that they would hand-carry their luggage onto the airplane. I explained that their baggage was too large to be considered a carry on and, several times, I informed them that they would miss their flight. During this loud, offensive and angry confrontation, I remained calm, in control and conducted myself in a professional manner and gave them directions to the

gate, verified by the fact that they did, in fact, make the flight to their destination.

I would appreciate a written response, indicating how this matter will be handled as it relates to my employment record. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, BG

COMMENT:

This letter did become a part of BG's personnel file. A complaint is made and defended. It would seem that many things would be taken into consideration by an employer making a judgment as to who was at fault. Needless to say, credence must be given to the past service record of an employee. The customer, however, is always right and the company must, of course, smooth ruffled feathers. The bottom line - if a criticism is made of you, as an employee, don't forget to reply, in writing and state your side of the story.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE

TO ALL CITY OF ROMULUS TAX PAYERS:

Please be informed that because City Hall will be closed Saturday, February 14, 1987 and Monday, February 16, 1987, Winter 1986 Taxes can be paid at the City of Romulus Treasurers Office without penalty through February 17, 1987.

The last day to pay these taxes at the following banks is February 14, 1987.

Wayne Bank
Wyandotte Savings Bank
Security Bank & Trust
National Bank of Detroit
Manufacturers National Bank

Make checks payable to:
John B. Lewkowicz, Treasurer
City of Romulus
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing to be held March 2, 1987, at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the City's 1987 initial entitlement under the Community Development Block Grant Program (approximately \$80,000 based on Presidential Rescission of proposed Federal Budget for fiscal year 1987-88). Note the amount of funds could increase to approximately \$92,000 if Congress does not support the Presidential Rescission. Council invites comments at the meeting or in writing directed to the attention of the Community Development Director at the above address.

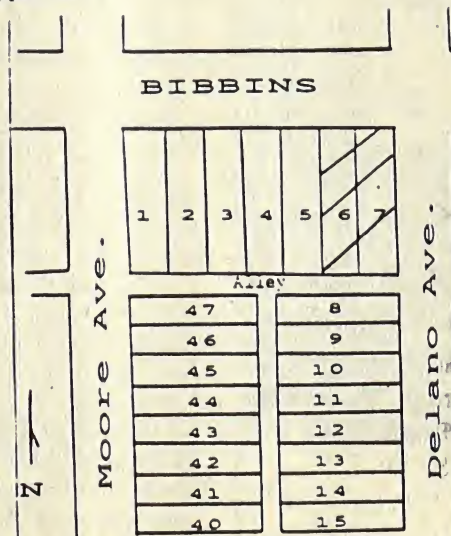
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Shaded area indicates proposed Approval



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said rezoning. Written comments may be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 19, 1987 and addressed to the Building Department at the above address.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 14, 1987 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BUDGET AND HIRING PRACTICES

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., by Mary Ann Banks, Mayor Pro Tem.

PRESENT: Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Beverly McAnally, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

John B. Lewkowicz, Treasurer

Others in Attendance:

Barry Seifman, City Attorney

Marilyn Radford, Personnel Director

Motion by Lambert, supported by Wadsworth, to accept the agenda as presented.

AGENDA

Roll Call

1. Agenda

2. Budget and hiring Practices

3. Discussion

4. Adjournment

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pursuant to P.A. 267 of 1976, Open Meeting Act of Michigan and Section 6.5 of the Romulus City Charter, the Romulus City Council called a Special meeting on January 14, 1987, for the purpose of discussing the budget and hiring practices of the City of Romulus. Mary Ann Banks, Mayor Pro Tem, opened the meeting for discussion and asked John Lewkowicz, Treasurer of the City of Romulus if he wished the Special Meeting to move into an Executive Session.

Mr. Lewkowicz, replied in that the meeting was called as an open meeting he would like it to remain open.

After discussion of the hiring practices of the City of Romulus a motion was offered as follows:

87-016

Motion by Bergeron, supported by Lambert, to reaffirm that those employees of the City under union contracts are city employees governed by the contract and subject to its enforcement by the Mayor and the City's personnel department. The hiring, firing, promotions, etc., for such employees under the contract lies with the Mayor and the policies of the personnel department.

AMENDMENT TO 86-016

Motion by Baumann, supported by Pennington, that all union positions and union salaries currently in the treasurers office, be transferred into the Mayors budget and assignments be given as the Mayor deems necessary.

Motion by Block, to call for the question on the floor.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll Call Vote Showing on the Amendment to Resolution 86-016. Ayes - Baumann, Lambert, Pennington. Nays - Banks, Bergeron, Block, Wadsworth. Motion Failed.

Roll Call Vote Showing on the main motion Resolution 86-016. Ayes - Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

87-017

Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Pennington, that City Council direct John B. Lewkowicz, Treasurer, to honor Resolution 87-016.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Baumann, supported by, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 14, 1987.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Banks, Baumann, Bergeron, Block, Lambert, Pennington, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 14, 1987.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

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Pain in Wayne

'Horrendous' start ends Belleville chances for cage title

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

The anticipated showdown between Wayne Memorial, the defending Wolverine 'A' Conference basketball champs, and Belleville, the only club that has beaten Coach Chuck Henry's Zebras in the conference this year, didn't materialize as the champs went on a wild scoring spree early in the game and scored a surprisingly easy 60-51 victory Friday night before a standing room only crowd.

With Mark Robinson tossing

in nine of his game high 26 points and teammate Mark Claiborne accounting for six of his 16 in the initial period, Wayne leaped to a 17-0 lead before their visitors knew what hit them.

Belleville missed on its first 12 shots and wound up trailing 19-4 after the first period. Though Coach Leon Birdyshaw's Tigers came back and made a game of it afterwards, they never caught up.

"That horrendous first period became our undoing," Birdyshaw said. "Offensively we were atrocious. We made up

"That horrendous start killed us. You can't spot a team like Wayne 15 or 16 points and hope to win."

— Leon Birdyshaw
— Belleville coach

a lot of ground in the second half, but we just couldn't overcome that horrible start."

Belleville managed to outscore its hosts 16-15 in the second period on the strength of Chris Grantham and Maurice Brantley's contribu-

tions, but the Tigers still trailed by 14 when they walked off the floor to discuss the situation at halftime.

Ahead 34-20, Wayne kept the 'status quo' on the scoreboard throughout the third period as each team put 14 points on the

board during the eight minutes. However, the Tigers came alive early in the fourth period and made a wild rush at Wayne, coming within three of eliminating the huge deficit. But Wayne hung on to post its ninth Wolverine 'A' Conference victory in 10 starts.

"It certainly was a nice game for us to win," said Henry who junked his traditional man-to-man full-court press for a zone for their visitors. "We knew we had to win this one. We still have Monroe and Trenton to contend with and these two teams can do it to

anyone."

Henry pointed out that he switched defenses for Belleville because "the first time around, we had problems defending Grantham (Chris Grantham, Belleville's All-Area guard). Grantham finished with his team high 16 points, getting eight of those in the last period and Ladion Tait also contributed four in the fourth stanza. And the only other Belleville cager to reach double figures was Brantley who had 12.

Robinson continued his outstanding play as he sank six from the field and made 14 of 19 at the free throw line for 26 points. Robinson also counted 17 rebounds for the evening.

Claiborne added 16 points on seven baskets and two of three from the charity stripe.

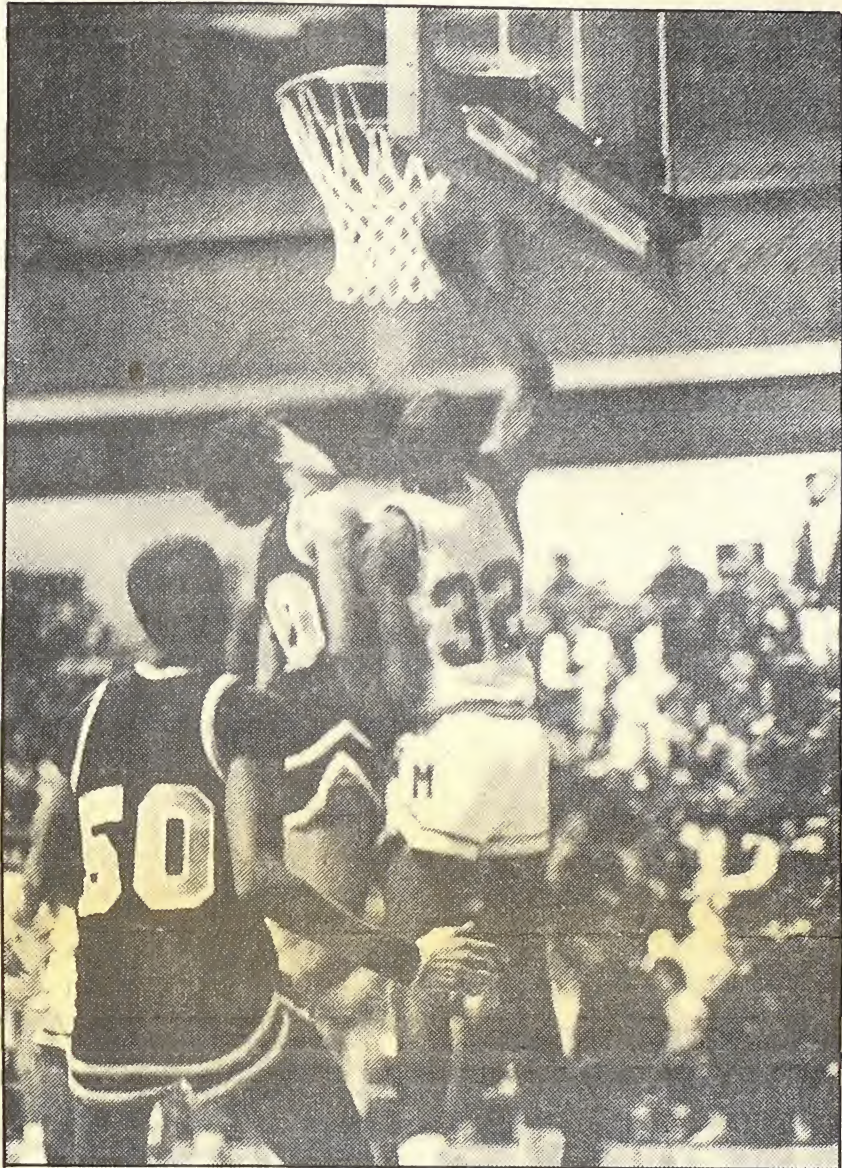
Earlier in the week Wayne wasted a 27-point performance from Robinson as the Zebras fell 75-58 to non-conference rivals, Ann Arbor Huron. Close the first half - Wayne trailed 30-27 after two periods, Huron outscored the Zebras 22-10 in the third stanza to salt away the victory. Wayne also received 11 points in this one from Shawn Wimberly, while Huron

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Wayne Memorial				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
Sentowski	1	0-0	2	
Robinson	6	14-19	26	
Wimberly	3	2-2	8	
Claiborne	7	2-3	16	
Hines	3	2-2	8	
Davis	0	0-0	0	
Horne	0	0-0	0	
TOTAL	20	20-26	60	

Belleville				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
Gentry	1	0-0	2	
Grantham	7	2-4	16	
Bellingier	1	2-2	4	
Brantley	6	0-2	12	
Riddles	1	0-0	2	
Brown	1	0-0	2	
Tait	4	0-0	8	
Tilman	2	1-2	5	

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Duel for two

In position for this tap-in, Wayne Memorial's Marshall Claiborne (32) sinks two of his 16 points that helped lift the Zebras to a 60-51 victory over arch-rivals, Belleville, Friday night. The loss killed Belleville's title chances while Wayne continued to lead the conference. Photo by Lauraine Donnell/freelance photographer

The blahs

Up one week, Romulus flat the next

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Coach Dan Henry and the Romulus High Eagles should have seen the handwriting on the wall. When Toledo DeVillbiss announced a line-up that included "Jerry West" and "Ivory Starr" - no way were the Eagles going to win.

Although Romulus kept the outcome of the game against Toledo in doubt until the last seconds, the Eagles did manage to lose their sixth in 12 games, 56-53. (Romulus was scheduled to play Wyandotte last night at home and will remain home Friday to take on Ida.)

"We had 20 turnovers," Henry said, "and we lacked the intensity. We had the blahs."

Was it the long road trip, coach?

"No, not really. We just didn't play the kind of game we are accustomed to playing," replied Henry.

Romulus actually lost this one at the free throw line where the Eagles made one of four offerings as compared to Toledo's 14 of 17.

With Terry Jones, Juan Street and Billy Johnson each

"We had 20 turnovers and lacked the intensity. We just had 'the blahs'."

— Dan Henry
— Romulus Coach

tossing in four points, Romulus took an early lead, however, Toledo caught up and went ahead 18-17 on the efforts of sharpshooting guard Jeremy Lincoln and Mark Kynard. Kynard got eight of his 14 and the team's first 18 points in the first period.

With neither team managing to gain more than a five point lead through the entire game - Toledo led 31-27 and 42-41 for the middle two quarters - Romulus caught up and enjoyed a 48-43 edge midway in the final frame when four consecutive turnovers led to their demise.

"We were called for traveling four times and that did it to us," Henry said. "When you have a bunch of turnovers plus 19 personal fouls called against you as compared to six for the home team, well what can I say?"

Johnson and Street split 24 points between them with

Street hauling down 10 rebounds. Jones had nine.

Lincoln and Kynard collected 14 points each for the winners.

And what about West and Starr?

Oh, they managed to get into the game, but neither starred.

Romulus				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
Shannon	2	0-1	4	
Jones	4	1-2	9	
Johnson	6	0-0	12	
Keith	4	0-1	8	
Street	6	0-0	12	
Wilson	2	0-0	4	
Bonam	0	0-0	0	
Mauil	2	0-0	0	
TOTAL	26	1-4	53	

Toledo DeVillbiss				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
West	0	2-3	2	
Lincoln	3	8-8	14	
Starr	2	2-2	6	
Kynard	7	0-0	14	
Neely	2	2-4	6	
Easter	1	0-0	2	
Henkle	1	0-0	2	
Dickerson	5	0-0	10	
TOTAL	21	14-17	56	

Second half blues

Huron continues cage skid

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Larry Swick is eagerly awaiting the night that his club puts it all together.

Friday, however, wasn't that night for the New Boston Huron basketball coach.

"We played a decent first half," Swick said after his Chiefs dropped their ninth conference game in 10 starts, a 67-53 loss to Grosse Ile. "But we came out flat. Really flat in that second half and paid for it."

Huron also couldn't stop the Islanders' sharpshooting forward, Joe Skasigir. Skasigir sank nine field goals and made five of 10 at the free throw line for a game high 23 points. The Islanders also got 20 points from Justin Sigler and Jeff Lee contributed 10 points, rounding out the balanced scoring attack.

Huron's Doug Marmion, a 6-3 all-around player, started fast

for the Chiefs, (he got all of his 11 points in the first half) but was shut out the last two quarters. James Clark led the losers with 13 and Rich Gubbini counted 10. Dave Watson came up with 10 rebounds.

"We came out flat the second half... and paid for it."

— Larry Swick
— Huron Coach

The Islanders leaped to a 20-13 first period lead before the Chiefs countered with a 19-10 second period that lifted them to a slim 32-30 halftime advantage.

But with Skasigir, Lee and Sigler leading the assault, the Islanders came back to regain the edge with a 17-13 scoring advantage in the third period.

They sealed the victory by outscoring their rivals 20-13 in the final frame.

Marmion found himself handcuffed with personal fouls the first half and he never regained his poise in the second half.

The Chiefs will attempt to pull out of their losing skid Friday night when they host Carlson. Last night they traveled to Monroe for a conference contest with Jefferson.

New Boston Huron				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
Umin	3	0-0	6	
Gubbini	4	2-4	10	
Watson	0	1-3	1	
Clark	6	1-2	13	
Marmion	4	3-4	11	
Jackson	4	0-0	8	
Spieker	2	0-0	4	
TOTAL	23	7-13	53	

Grosse Ile				
Player	FG	FT	TF	
Skasigir	9	5-10	23	
Lee	4	2-4	10	
Frucchi	2	3-4	7	
Morrow	2	1-2	5	
Sigler	9	2-2	20	
Welsh	0	2-2	2	
TOTAL	26	15-26	67	

Late rush gives Tiger tankers tie with Glenn

A 'tie' is like kissing your sister, former Michigan State University head football coach Duffy Doherty, used to say. It's neither here nor there.

And that's what Belleville and Westland John Glenn had to settle for - a tie - last week when the two non-conference

swim opponents met for the first time this year. Trailing by 10 going into the diving competition, Belleville made up the deficit thanks, in part, to Raul Estranda's first place effort.

The two teams settled for an 86-all tie. "I got to give Belleville a lot of credit for coming back the

way they did," said Tracy Hissong, Glenn coach, after the meet. "We took seven first places, but they had enough depth to stop us from winning the meet."

Registering two personal bests, Danny White captured two first places for

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Wyandotte at Belleville
Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison
North Farmington at Plymouth Salem
Walled Lake Western at Livonia Churchill
Carlson at New Boston Huron
Walled Lake Central at Westland John Glenn

X-Varsity games at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, February 17
Livonia Churchill at Westland John Glenn
Romulus at Ypsilanti
Plymouth Salem at Livonia Franklin
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth Canton
Livonia Churchill at Westland John Glenn
X-Varsity games at 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Thursday, February 12
Belleville at Fordson
Monroe at Wayne Memorial
Plymouth Salem at North Farmington
Farmington Harrison at Plymouth Canton
Walled Lake Central at Westland John Glenn
Northville at Livonia Franklin
Livonia Churchill at Walled Lake Western
X-Meets at 7 p.m.

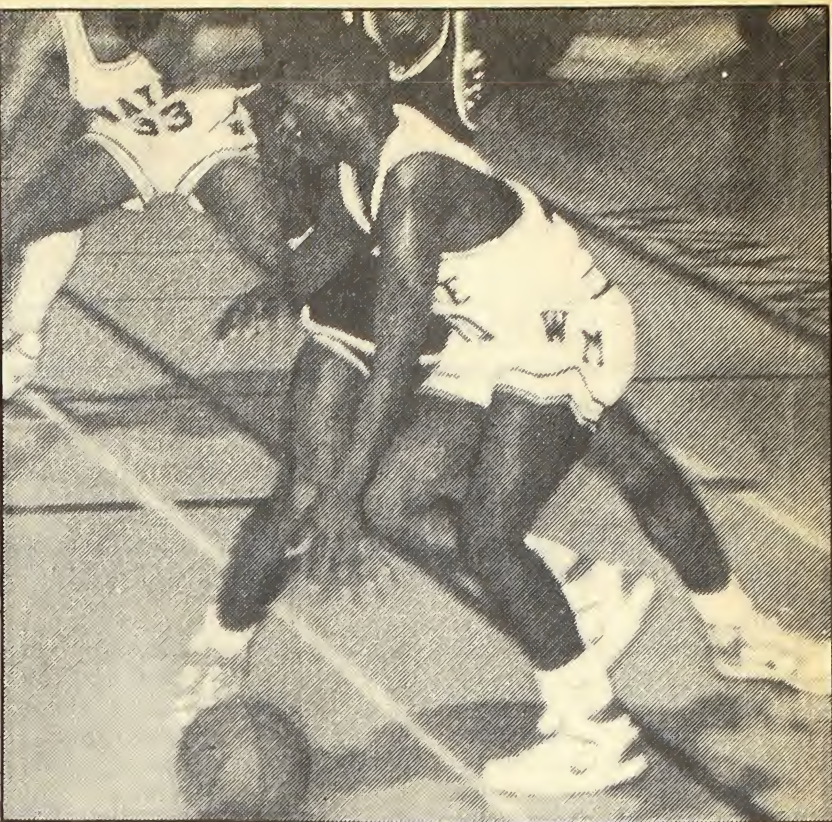
WRESTLING
Thursday, February 12
Belleville at Ann Arbor Huron
Airport at Huron
Monroe at Westland John Glenn
Plymouth Salem at Ann Arbor Huron
Saturday, February 14
New Boston Huron at Monroe
Jefferson for Huron Conference championships
Great Lakes Conference

Championships at Fordson.
VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, February 11
Lincoln Park at Belleville - 4 p.m.
Riverview at New Boston Huron - 6:30 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Livonia Stevenson - 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Farmington Harrison - 6:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth Canton - 7 p.m.
Plymouth Salem at Farmington - 6:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth Canton - 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Fordson - 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 14
Schoolcraft Invitational
Monday, February 16
Belleville at Wayne Memorial - 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Northville - 8:30 p.m.
North Farmington at Plymouth Salem - 7 p.m.

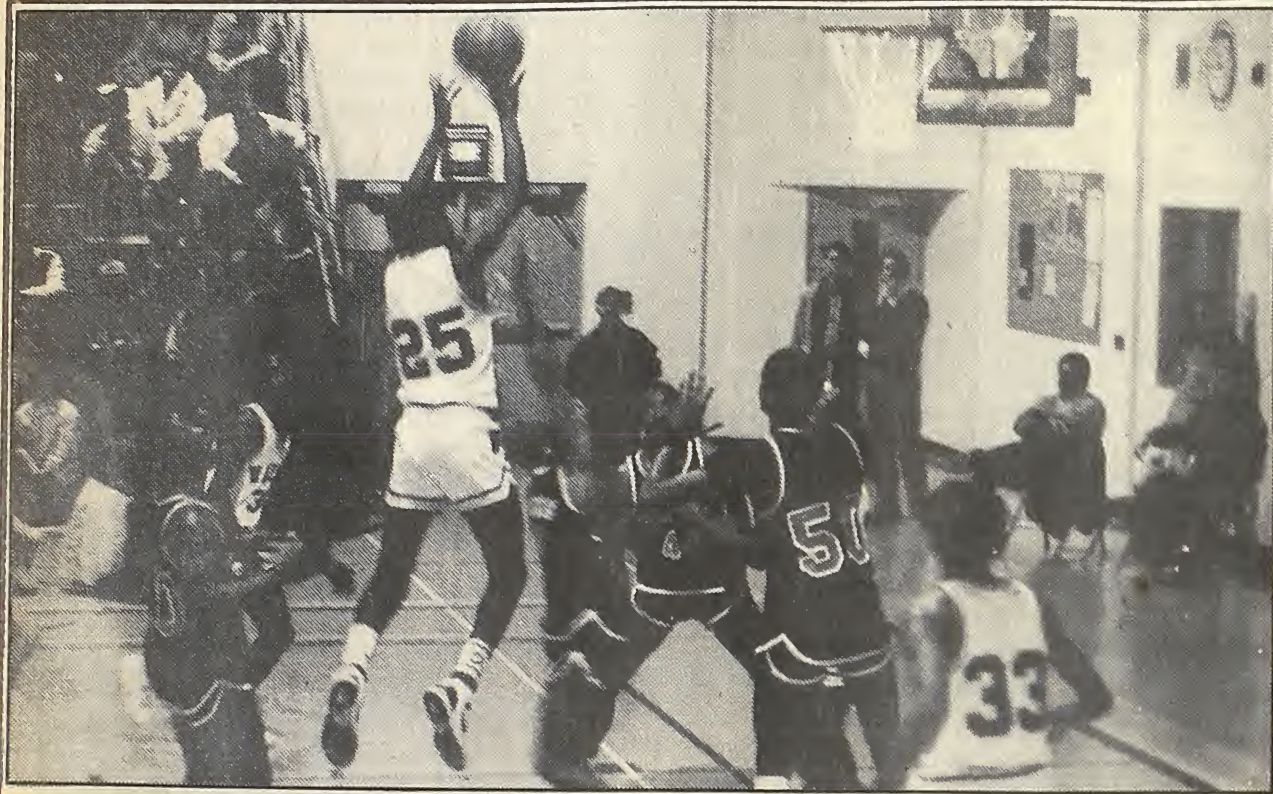
Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison - 6:30 p.m.
Walled Lake Western at Livonia Churchill - 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Walled Lake Central - 7 p.m.
Flat Rock at New Boston Huron - 6:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS
Wednesday, February 11
Belleville at Clarenceville - 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Trenton - 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Westland John Glenn - 7 p.m.
Monday, February 16
Belleville at Ann Arbor Huron - 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Wayne Memorial - 7 p.m.
Plymouth Salem at Northville - 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Central at Plymouth Canton - 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Walled Lake Central - 7 p.m.



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With outstretched arms Belleville's Ladion Tait forces Wayne's Fred Horne (white jersey) to find an alternative route downcourt. Photo by Donald Blair/freelance



Going up

Penetrating the Belleville defense, Wayne Memorial's Sean Wimberly (25) gets a clear view and a good shot at the basket. Wimberly and the Zebras avenged an earlier loss to the Tigers and won the rematch 60-51 to remain atop the Wolverine 'A' Conference standings. Photo by Donald Blair/freelance photographer

Tigers

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the Westlanders as he turned in a 1:55.9 for the 200-yard freestyle and won the 500 freestyle in 5:13.9. Teammate John Jensen also was a double winner. He claimed the 200 yard individual medley with a 2:04.3 and the 100-yard butterfly in 55.2, just a tenth of a second off his own varsity mark. Allen White came

through with a record-setting 59.2 in the 100-yard backstroke. He held the previous best at 1:00.2. White became the first Glenn swimmer to shatter the one-minute barrier in the event. Mac Sims was the only other Rocket single event winner when he turned in a 1:07.0 in winning the 100-yard breast-

stroke. Glenn put the winning medley relay team in the pool thanks to the lineup of Al White, Sims, Jensen and Rob Dreher who were clocked in 1:47.1. Coach Bill Snider's Tigers responded by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with Bunker, Bongiorno, Rochiwak, and Law-

son (3:38.3). They also won the 100-yard freestyle in 52.4 while Estranda edged Glenn's Mark Miller 237.1 to 235.6 points in the duel for diving supremacy. The tie provided the Westlanders, a 1-11 won-lost club a year ago, with an impressive 6-2-1 overall record this year. They are 4-1 in the league this season.

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Romulus tunes up for mat championships

Romulus will tune up for the Class A district championships scheduled for a week from Saturday with its first appearance at the South Central Conference wrestling tournament. The conference tournament will be conducted on Saturday at Ann Arbor Huron. Romulus, which dropped out of the Metro West Conference a year ago in favor of the SCC, will carry an enviable 12-1 won-lost record into the conference championships. Also competing in the conference are Ann Arbor Pioneer, Adrian and Ypsilanti. Romulus will put two wrestlers on the Huron mats who have impeccable records. Tony Venturini, a 98-pounder, has a perfect 38-0 record going into the title bout and will be considered the No.1 seed in his weight class.

Romulus's Jim Schlender, a 138-pounder, also hasn't tasted defeat this year and is boasting a 44-0 record. "We have a good shot of finishing atop of the overall standings," said Romulus Coach Wayne Schimming. "However, we must be ready to wrestle. The SCC is noted for its excellence in wrestling."

Romulus does have two regulars on its doubtful starting list. Craig Stewart, a 112-pounder, underwent knee surgery and may not be in the Eagle lineup on Saturday, while teammate Mark Dubyak, a 155-pound wrestler, is suffering from a back ailment.

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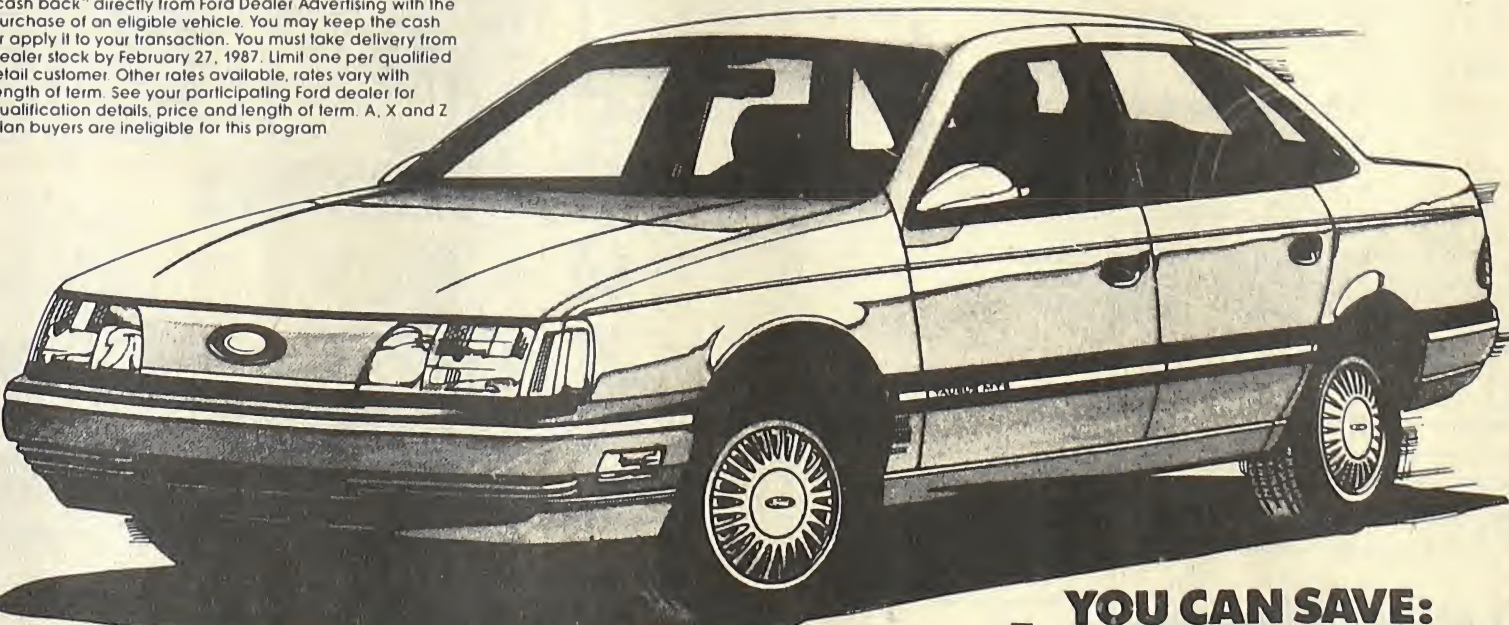
got 17 points from Billy Jackson. Wayne will resume conference play Friday night at home to Ypsilanti while Belleville also is at home, hosting the Bears of Wyandotte.

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WAYNE RESIDENT HEATHER Pickup was recently named the recipient of a scholarship at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Pickup, valedictorian at John Glenn High School, has been awarded a four-year scholarship totalling \$4,000 should she choose to attend NMU in the fall of 1987.

SEVERAL LOCAL STUDENTS have graduated from Michigan State University in Lansing. The students were given their degrees during a commencement ceremony staged Dec. 6. The students include: **James Armstrong, David Miller, Lisa Smith** and **Cynthia Sovine** of Canton; **Yvette Robinson** of Romulus; and **Connie Stegemann** of Westland.

LUCKY PINOCHLE WINNERS from the city of Westland Department on Aging Lucky Pinochle Club for the week of Jan. 29 included **Joseph Coppola, Ted Dunlap, A.C. Konciles, Julia Popa, Zella Ruggiero, Walter Tyburczyk, Allen Dennison, Eleanor Doherty** and **Carl Stoycheff**. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday in the Senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. For more information, call 728-7628.

TWO LOCAL STUDENTS have been named to the honor roll at the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. To be named to the list, students must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average. On the list are **Kim Stone** of Belleville and **John Kean III** of Inkster.

SEVERAL LOCAL RESIDENTS have been making news in the U.S. Armed Forces. In Belleville, **Air Force Sgt. Brian Goalen** has arrived for duty with the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron, West Germany. **Army Sgt. 1st Class James Cardinal** has arrived for duty with the 19th Support Command, South Korea. **Airman Kevin Heman** has graduated from the Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. **Airman Kevin Heme** has graduated from the Air Force police specialist course and **Army Pvt. Steven Willis** has completed one station unit training at the Army Infantry School. In Inkster, **Jerard Saffold** is home one leave from the Marine Reserves. He will head to Camp LeJeune, N.C., after his leave for further training. **Airman Robert Wyatt** has graduated from the Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

IN ROMULUS, AIR Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Laughlin has arrived for duty with the Technical Training Center, Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. In Wayne, **Airman Michael Bowers** has graduated from the Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base. **Army Spec. 4 Jess Griffin** has arrived for duty with the Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Okla., and **Air Force Airman 1st Class Addison Martin III** has arrived for duty with the 616th Consolidated Aircraft, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. And in Westland, **Robert Cantrell** has been promoted in the Army to the rank of private first class. **Army Pvt. Casmer Belcarz** has arrived for duty with the 12th Engineer Battalion, West Germany, and **Army Pvt. Roger Matt** has completed one station unit training at the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Compiled by Ray Day

area deaths

EVES, Earl R., 71, of Belleville, died Feb. 2. Funeral arrangements by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus.

GIAR, Hazen W., 71, of Belleville, died Feb. 5. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

HATCH, Charlotte L., 86, of Belleville, died Jan. 23. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

KRUGER, Hazel A., 75, of Westland, died Jan. 27. Funeral arrangements by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus.

SCHAEFFLER, Mildred D., 79, of Ypsilanti, died Jan. 27. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

TIPTON, Roy C., 49, of Belleville, died Jan. 26. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

WEBER, William G., 92, of Riverview, died Feb. 4. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Hospital group adopts new bylaws

By RAY DAY
ANP News Editor

The board of directors of the Peoples Community Hospital Authority last week adopted the articles of incorporation and bylaws that will convert the health care group into a private, nonprofit organization.

In a 29-1 vote during a special meeting of the board last Thursday, the board members adopted the new guidelines under the assumption that state legislation will be forthcoming to allow such a move. Maureen Camps, director of community relations for the hospital authority, said this week that once the state Legislature passes a bill to allow hospital organizations to be restructured and once an appeal is granted to a 1965 Ingham County Circuit Court injunction, the new "Peoples Hospital Corporation" should become a reality.

Seventeen members of the 47-member board were absent from the special meeting. Board member Lawrence Lackey of Ecorse cast the lone dissenting vote.

"They approved the articles of incorporation and the bylaws, keeping in mind that neither action goes into effect because the legislation has not been approved," explained Camps. "I think that their intent was to adopt the articles and bylaws and get the reorganization underway."

According to Camps, the Thursday action will mean that all property and assets of the hospital authority will be transferred to the new corporation. Before the plan is complete, however, the board members must allow defeasance of \$21.5 million in two outstanding bond series, bonds which were issued to build the five

hospitals which make up the PCHA, including Annapolis in Wayne, Seaway in Trenton, Beyer Memorial in Ypsilanti, Heritage in Taylor and Outer Drive in Lincoln Park.

The bonds will not be paid off, however, Camps said. The \$21.6 owed to lenders will be transferred to a secured banking accounting—similar to an escrow account—and will be used to make payments on the bonds until they expire in 2003. This plan, she said, allows the hospital group to earn interest on the \$21.6 during the next 16 years and avoid early-pay off penalties of the bonds.

Under the new bylaws of the private, nonprofit corporation, the hospital group will be governed by a 14-member board of directors, Camps said. The current 47 members on the PCHA board will elect nine of the governing board members

when the reorganization takes place. In addition, each of the five hospitals will elect one representative from the hospital board of directors to serve on the corporation governing board.

The 47 current board members will remain the membership of the new corporation, Camps explained. Currently, each of the 24 member communities in the PCHA send one or two members to the board.

Once the reorganization is finalized, each of the 24 member PCHA communities will have the option of either remaining in the new private, nonprofit corporation or dropping out.



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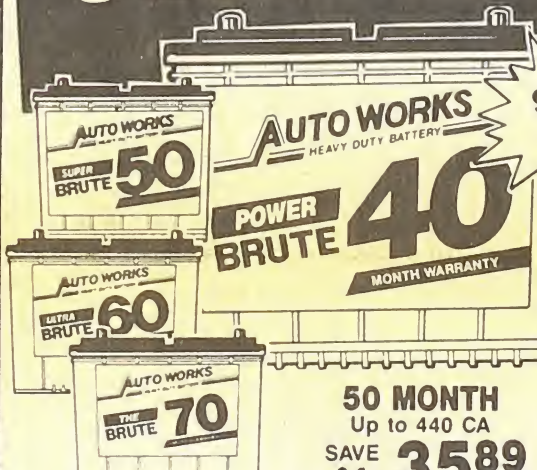


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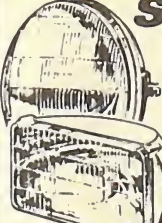
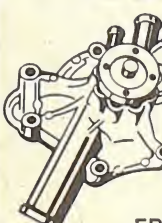
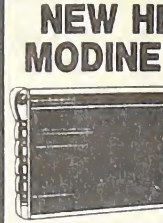
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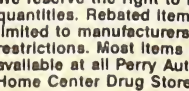
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WESTLAND RESIDENT MARY Henderson has been promoted at the National Bank of Detroit to loan officer of the Western Metropolitan Regional Banking Division. Henderson currently serves as a commercial loan officer at the NBD Ann Arbor branch office.

WESTLAND RESIDENT JEROME Patrick has been promoted to assistant director of the industrial/manufacturing department for Blount Engineers, Inc. He currently is serving as project director for the Chrysler Jefferson Truck Renewal Project.

THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE Department at **Beyer Memorial Hospital** in Ypsilanti has a new address and new telephone numbers. The department is now located in a free-standing building one-half block north of Beyer at 21 S. Prospect. Referrals and information on substance abuse services at Beyer can be obtained by calling 481-8760 or 481-8761.

CLARIFICATION: A story last week in the Health and Fitness section of the paper should have stated that **University Medical Affiliates, PC**, is an independently-owned multi-specialty physician group located at 35605 Warren Road in Westland. Call 728-0740 for more information.

Compiled by Ray Day

Tax-time trauma

Consider all options before preparing returns

By RAY DAY
ANP News Editor

Income tax returns are made for the "average American," but that doesn't mean they are any easier to understand, according to one local economist.

Christine Venema, home economist from the Wayne County Cooperative Extension and Education Center in Wayne, said there is no real advantage or disadvantage for consumers to figure their income tax returns on their own. However, she continued, contracting the annual chore out to a tax preparation agency can provide a much-needed "peace of mind."

"I think it's really a personal opinion. Some people have some complicated affairs that may lead them to need an agency for tax preparation," said Venema. "But, tax returns are made for the consumer to do it on his own. It's really just a matter of personal choice."

According to Venema, tax filers who are eligible to use the 1040EZ or 1040 short forms generally don't need a tax preparer. These returns, she said, are explained in detail on the forms or in the booklets which accompany them.

However, for those consumers who have a great deal of investments, have sold a home or who change jobs frequently may need an expert at tax time.

"These are the kinds of issues that you may need to use the expertise of an agency. But that doesn't mean they have to prepare your entire return.

You may only need to ask a few questions," Venema explained.

If a professional is the best decision for home fiscal management, Venema suggested checking the following:

- Do they just prepare the tax return as you present it, or do they look for ways to save you money?

- When the agency says it will stand behind the tax return, does that mean financially or that they will attend an audit?

- Is going to an agency going to save money, or is it just what

seems to be the most accurate thing to do?

According to a study of area tax preparation agencies, \$20-\$25 is the average "start-up" fee for preparing an individual tax return. However, one local agency was charging as much as \$45-\$55 for the 1040 and 1040A tax forms.

"We don't have a set fee because every form has a different start-up charge," said Mary Williams, office supervisor of H&R Block, Westland. "The 1040 form has a \$25 start-up fee, the 1040A has a \$20 start-up fee. It can go up anywhere

from there."

If going-it-alone seems to be the best this year, Venema urged wide use of the tax-tip hotlines set up recently by the IRS. In addition, hundreds of tax preparation booklets are available just by calling an IRS office.



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Vocational awareness has local look

By MARK NICHOLAS
ANP Staff Writer

The William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center, 36455 Marquette in Westland, will be in the spotlight as Vocational Education Week begins.

According to Rick Hamrick, assistant principal for special needs, vocational education in general and vocational education week more specifically, is a very important time. "This is a nationwide effort, set aside especially to honor and reward those adults who work in vocational education," Hamrick said there is also another reason for vocational education week. "It's an effort to publicize vocational education."

Vocational education, according to Hamrick, is different from academic education. "Vocational education is separate from academic education, although academics are indeed included in vocational education classes," Hamrick said vocational education prepares people for real life situations. "Vocational education gears people for entry into the work world, it provides hands on experience."

"Besides preparing people for job entry, vocational education also can get people ready for advancement to college," he said.

According to Hamrick, the vocational/technical center has been around awhile, and there is a reason for its success. "We've been here since September of 1981. A lot of the success has to do with the availability of the center," Hamrick said many students are choosing vocational education instead of college. "We have a very comprehensive and well-staffed program. This center is very up to date, with state-of-the-art equipment."

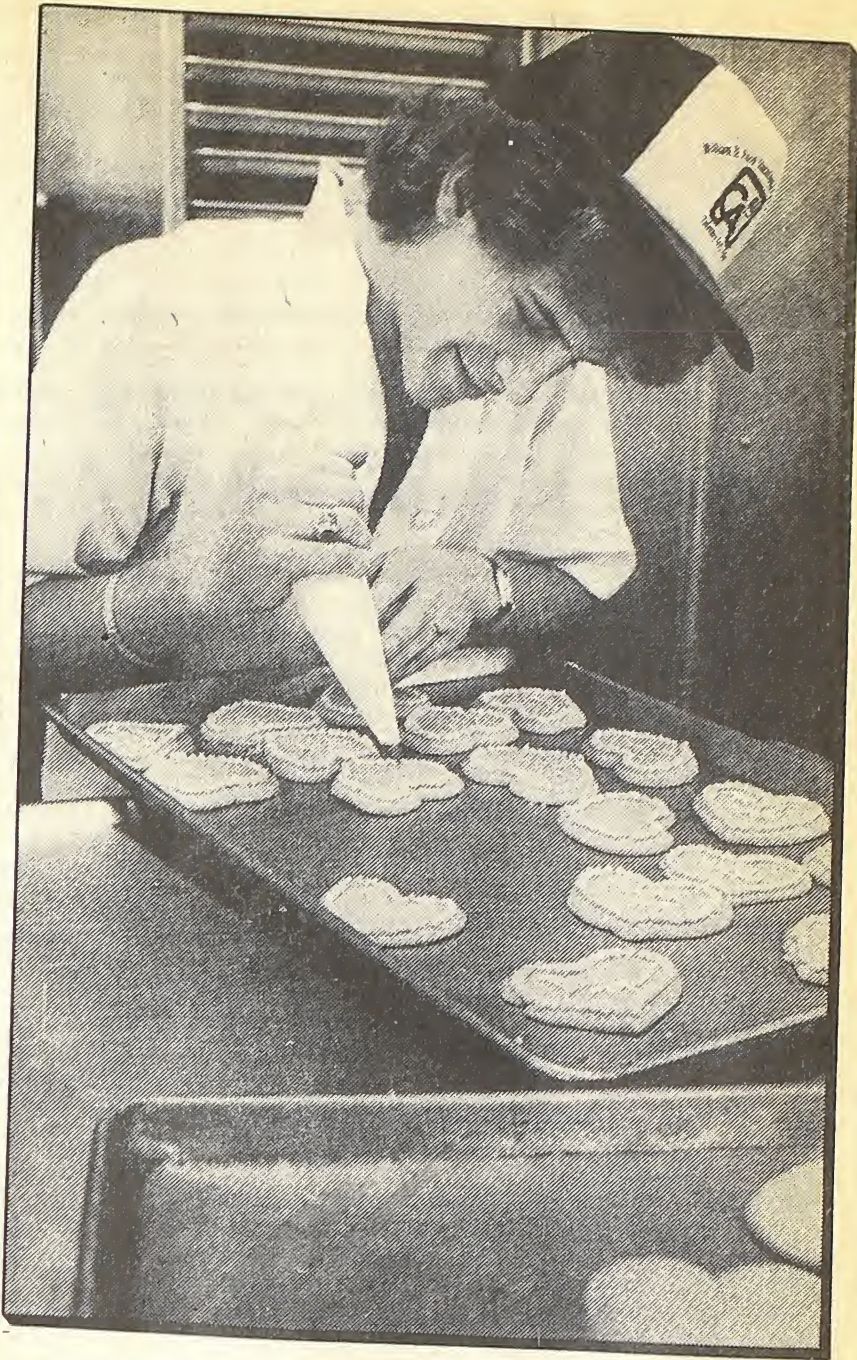
The William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center is indeed successful, serving more than 1,800 students from all over the area and beyond. The curriculum is also impressive, providing instruction in more than 22 areas of interest. According to Hamrick, the public should inquire if it has any questions about the center. "This is a week-long celebration, we have over 22 different teaching areas, the public should come and see what we are all about."

Further information regarding Vocational Education Week or the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center is available by phoning 595-2135.



To the right, Dan Rosochacki of John Glenn High provides the finishing touches to his cookies in the culinary arts class. Above, Ronnie Brown of John Glenn sizes up a house frame in the window framing course. And, right, Harry Ramsden of John Glenn fits his homework together in welding class.

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tax tips

Pay yourself before others

If you are used to getting a large tax refund and look at it as a savings plan, you're fooling yourself, according to Christine Venema, home economist for the Wayne County Cooperative Extension and Education Center in Wayne.

"Each payday, Uncle Sam holds your deposits but pays no dividends. It's better to save each month by using direct deposit options at your bank, credit union or other financial institution," said Venema.

Under the new tax law, you can calculate how much you overpay your new taxes and eliminate the overpayment, explained Venema. To do this, she said, adjust your W-4 form to a "break-even" point so that you will neither pay nor receive money from Uncle Sam when filing the tax return in April.

Kids will need social security

Social Security numbers will be required for children claimed as dependents on the 1987 federal income tax return which is due April 15, 1988.

Although that year may seem far off, applying for children's Social Security numbers now may avoid a headache later.

There have been some reports of a private business which is using this new requirement under the tax reform package to cheat consumers out of money. Some firms are charging a \$10 fee to furnish a child's Social Security number. According to Social Security Administration representatives, such a fee is unnecessary as anyone can open his child's account himself at no cost.

Social Security accounts for children can be opened by mail or at any Social Security office. For information, call the Social Security office in Inkster at 561-8611.

Education fund will soon change

Those putting money aside for their children's education should be aware of new changes in the 1987 tax structure.

In 1986, if low-income producing assets were transferred to a minor child, those income earnings were taxed at the child's marginal rate.

In 1987, the first \$500 of unearned income is not subject to tax, the second \$500 is taxable at the child's rate, and income more than \$1,000 of children under age 14 will be taxed at the parents' marginal tax rate.

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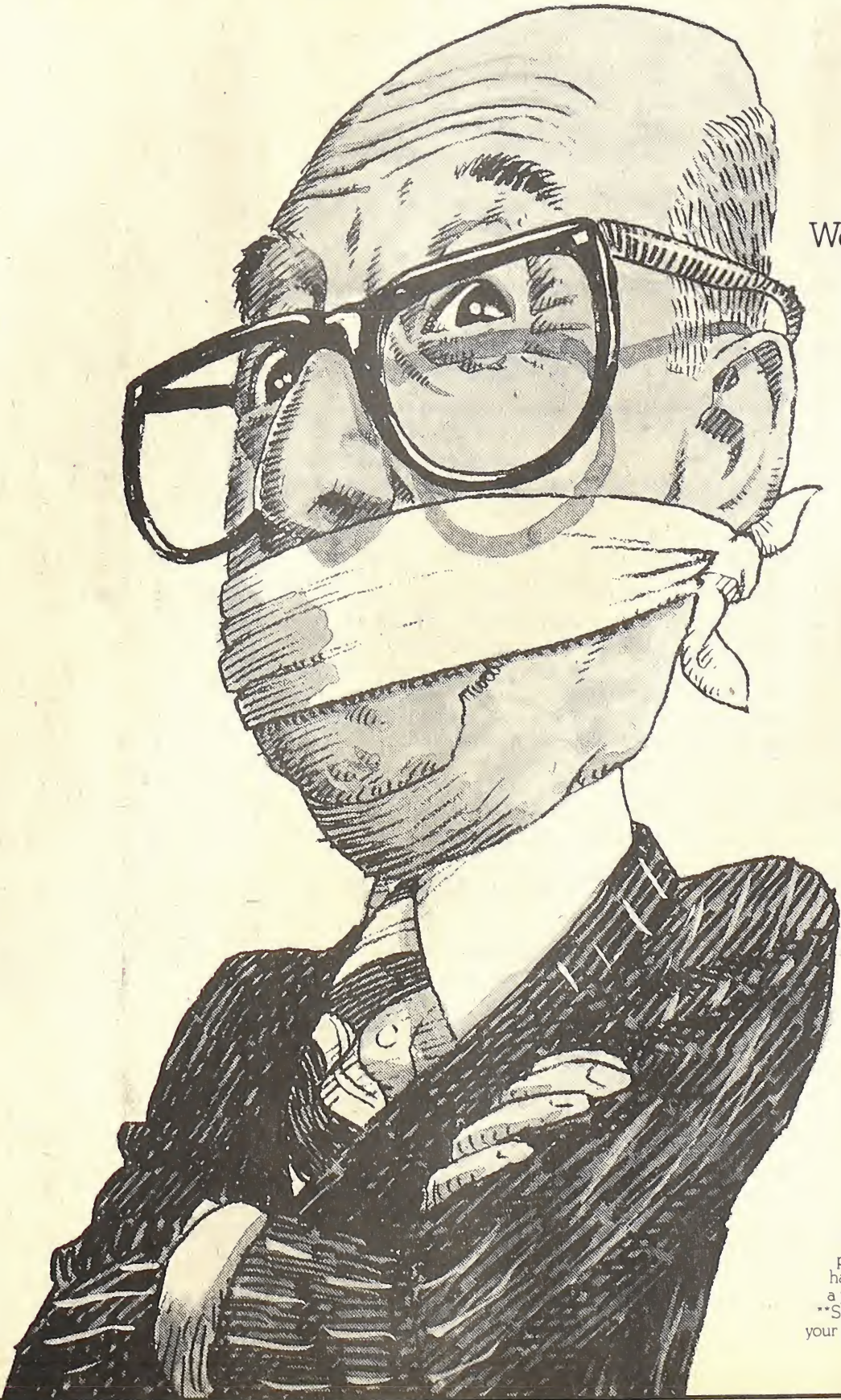
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Another kind of rape

Recently, after accounts of his victimization by a rapist were published in a local newspaper, a 14-year-old boy attempted suicide.

The embarrassment and humiliation of having the crime perpetrated against him become public knowledge inflicted nearly as much psychological damage upon the young man as did the attack itself. How very, very sad.

This newspaper, too, ran accounts of this sexual molestation and rape. We did not provide the graphic details of the exact nature of the attack, however, nor did we publish the details available to us which would have identified the victims. Unfortunately for the children involved, other publications chose to do so.

We do not publish the names or identifying information about victims of these types of crimes. That is a matter of policy here and one which we believe in very strongly. There are publications which disagree with that philosophy, but here, no change will even be considered.

We have never felt that this policy needed to be explained or defended, but inquiries from some readers and members of our staff made us realize that perhaps there are people who do not intrinsically understand the reason we keep this information confidential.

A family newspaper is not a place for pre-teens and grade school children to learn of the

vicious and perverted sexual practices which child molesters inflict on their victims. Nor is it a place for them to learn the various euphemisms utilized to described sexual proclivities of rapists. We fully understand our responsibility in protecting the public and warning them of the existence of the types of criminals that are on the prowl so that they may warn their children and protect themselves. But the gory details are not necessary to serve this end.

That is our belief and our policy here. We will bring you the news, as completely and candidly as we can. But there are boundaries of privacy which we respect. If one of these victims were a member of your family or a close friend, can the trauma the publication of having the details of the attack made public be imagined?

No, we don't believe that it is for us to victimize these individuals again. One attack on their privacy and their rights as a human being is enough. We will not ever be a party to inflicting more pain on an already brutalized victim of this type of crime.

The reports of this youngster's attempt at taking his own life after reading the details of his attack in the newspaper sadden us and reinforce our resolve to be even more prudent in what we report and how we report it.

No news story is ever worth deliberately or maliciously harming an innocent human being.

his job and his responsibilities very seriously. He is attempting to fulfill the obligation of his office in the best way he knows how. He firmly and sincerely believes that he has both the right and the obligation by charter to hire his own employees.

The members of the city council, too, take their responsibility and the protection of the city seriously. They are attempting to forestall any precedent-setting action which might somehow prove costly or damaging to the taxpayers.

Is someone right and someone wrong here? No, we don't think so. We think this controversy is a matter of everyone involved attempting to do the right thing as they see it. We find that the difference of opinion as to the rights and obligations of Lewkowicz or any other office-holder are just that, a difference of interpretation and opinion.

While the controversy continues and the men and women involved attempt to solve what each considers a clear-cut case of the other side being wrong, the voters and taxpayers in Romulus ought to take a long, hard look at the people they placed in office.

And if they do take the time to look, and to listen to them, we think they will be very proud of each of the votes that they cast. There may be a controversy raging. Someone may be right and someone may be wrong, but each of these people is making an all-out, full-tilt effort to do what their conscience tells them is right for their city and for the people they were elected to represent.

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Friendship

I have never considered myself a cynic. Actually, I think of myself in quite opposite terms, but I do confess to having developed some rather cynical views about certain realities of life. I guess I label that as realism.

Among the views I characterize this way are some observations and opinions I've formed about what too often occurs between friends. Now, I'm not really certain of the reasons, but for some time I have been aware of the brutality people seem to be inclined to inflict on those whom they call their friends.

It appears that those who open themselves up to another, who trust their innermost feelings, thoughts and opinions to another human being are often the object of abuse by the individual they most trusted. These assailants may be longtime acquaintances, schoolmates or even family members. These "friends" can even be our parents, our children or a spouse and the damage they inflict can be psychological, financial, physical or even sexual.

This should not come as any great revelation for any trained student of humanity. Read the newspapers and you will see that crimes are far more apt to be committed by one who had some previous knowledge of the victim.

So much a part of the human condition is the tendency to betray a "friend" that detective and murder novels are filled with plots based on this familiar theme.

One might ask if perhaps Cain's biblical sin against his brother, Abel, wasn't prophetic as to the future of human brotherhood and, I suppose, friendship.

I hear people talk about "real friendship." I guess I don't know what that means. I suppose it's as elusive a phrase as "real American," it is subject to individual interpretation.

What I do know is that the most painful

blows I have ever sustained were at the hands of those for whom I had a regard, and frequently a respect, prior to the offense.

Some of the very people who perform some outstanding act of kindness, quickly follow up with some crippling blow that catches you off guard, often because of that same past kindness.

Perhaps one day as my years are growing short, as my eyesight is fading, and my hair is even grayer, I will be wise enough to know clearly what friendship is.

As yet, I only know that friendship is not a pretense, it is not one sided. It is being able and willing to give, as well as being able to accept the caring help of others who are pure in motive.

Friendship is not easily negated because our friend makes a life decision with which we do not agree. It is only for a friend to offer their opinion and then stand by, to help sort it out.

I believe that friendship is a selfish act only to the extent that unwavering friendship is a stabilizing force in one's life and, therefore, provides a feeling of satisfaction whether it momentarily requires giving or accepting.

Friendship is a rare commodity in our day and time. Oh, I'm not talking about the kind of casual acquaintances that exist between people who work together, or have known each other casually over a long period of time. I'm talking about the kind of relationships that you can count on. The kind of friends that when the chips are down you can count on to jump in and do what it takes.

I know that betrayal of such binding friendship is indeed a serious matter. When a feeling of betrayal begins to exist, emotions can run high. I have seen relationships masquerading as friendship that could only best be described as unhealthy, and might even be

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A matter of opinion

Romulus City Treasurer John Lewkowicz and members of the city administration and council are involved in a dispute which seems to offer little hope for an amicable resolution.

The dispute rages, with the treasurer alleging that he has the authority and obligation by city charter to hire employees for his own department. The city administration, backed solidly by members of the council, has clearly stated that all employees hired by the city must be screened through the personnel department and follow established personnel department guidelines.

John Lewkowicz has many, many years experience in public office and has served long and well as the treasurer in Romulus. It was Lewkowicz who began a suit several years ago against Drain Commissioner Charles Youngblood which resulted in a hefty return of funds to Romulus and several other communities.

Lewkowicz has served in his elected capacity long and well, and is a man who understands his job. Romulus residents chose well in his selection for his job and his experience and knowledge are to be respected and valued.

But, the opinions and public policy of the city are also matters which must be respected and valued. The established procedures have been instituted for valid and good reasons. In the litigious society of today, any employer, particularly a municipality, must protect themselves at nearly any cost.

Lewkowicz, as anyone who knows him or has dealt with him knows, is a man who takes

letters. . .letters. . .letters. . .

Pyschic off to 'shaky' beginning

To The Editor:

Well January has come and gone, and our local seer except for a few platitudes has struck

out as expected.

Where was the ice storm, money is tight? The market has been on the rise for weeks and still is. Where was the windy end to January? The calmest time of the month occurred the last week of January.

Seventy to 80 percent accuracy? Platitudes are not predictions, but as one definition states, they are trite truisms. Or

a common place statement.

Come on folks, get both oars in the water!

S.K. PULLEN
Belleville

(Editors note: This letter is in reference to a story we ran Jan. 7 about a local psychic and her predictions for the new year. Pullen is commenting on the psychic's accuracy.)

Dyer gets writer's praise

To The Editor:

Thank you for your excellent article covering our new writer's club. I have purchased several extra copies of The Wayne Eagle to share with out of state family and friends.

When we spoke on the phone I invited you to participate in our group. I would like to extend that invitation to all interested employees of Associated Newspapers, Inc. I'm sure they would make a valuable contribution to our group.

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Former 'stepchild' is now 'pride and joy'

In years past vocational education was the "stepchild" of the educational system. It was considered the dumping ground for students who did not fit into the regular academic programs and, for the exception of a few excellent programs, it tended to be the easy way out to gain a diploma.

Not so, anymore. Today, vocational education has become an important member of the education family—its pride and joy. To take special note of this, Feb. 8 to 14 has been designated as national Vocational Education Week, and local schools have scheduled special programs and events to make the public aware of the benefits of vocational education.

The dramatic decrease in job opportunities for unskilled young people was pointed out by a statement from Bill Nagy, supervisor of vocational education in the Van Buren School District. Nagy noted that 10 years ago high school graduates "headed down I-94 with their diplomas to get a job at an auto plant." No longer do employment offices open their doors to vast numbers of unskilled youths. The opportunity to be employed in a well-paying, unskilled factory job has all but disappeared for youth today. As manufacturing plants turn more to robots and computers, the employers are looking for people with specialized skills and talents to fill the few openings which exist.

The job boom which has come to Michigan, unfortunately, has been mostly in the low-paying service industries. Consequently, those without specialized skills and training are slated for the minimum wage positions. Even the military branches, which were geared to enlisting numerous



joan dyer

men for non-skilled jobs, has changed their position. Today, only a very small percentage of those who are not high school graduates find their way into the services. The military services, like American industries, now list most of their opportunities for skilled individuals, or for those who qualify for technical training.

In the 1980s if you cannot operate a computer, you probably cannot fill a job in a modern restaurant or auto shop. The changes have come quickly and vocational education has met that challenge with a variety of programs to prepare young people to enter the job market with skills that can help them take the steps up the ladder of success.

The technical programs are there and the knowledgeable instructors are ready to teach. If there is a missing ingredient it is the uncommitted, undecided student who erroneously expects to drift into a job with high pay and good benefits when he or she leaves school. The reality is that today and in the years to come, only education, skills and good work habits will open the employment office door for youths. Those who lack those three components will be on the outside looking in.

Vocational education is available, young friends, take advantage of it and prepare yourself for a successful future.

Divided they stand

Local lawmakers at odds on abortion

By SHERRY WOODARD
ANP Staff Writer

The tangled and controversial statewide argument over Medicaid funded abortions has become even more confusing now that a special committee of lawmakers in Lansing is apparently giving up on coming to grips with the matter.

The special legislative committee will apparently disband in a few days without finding a solution to the abortion question.

The 10-member panel includes five pro-choice and five pro-life legislators. Some critics said the group did not stand a chance for the start.

"I would have been surprised had they reached any conclusions," said state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Canton. It was Geake who had charged the panel with deciding if the abortion question should be put on the ballot and how the ballot language should read.

"We have tried in the past to (decide on the wording of a ballot) but both sides dug in so fiercely and they have a moral attitude holier than Jehovah's," said Sen. William Faust, D-Westland.

"The committee was probably doomed to begin with because (its chairman, Sen. Jack) Welborn was so fervent in his



Sen. William Faust

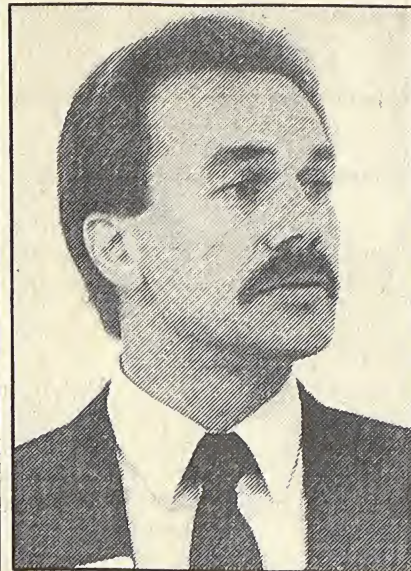
opposition to state-funded abortions," said Linda Spray, director of Northland Family Planning which operates an abortion clinic in Romulus.

"Although I think it was a good idea to sit down and talk," she said.

Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, said he was "a little bit (disappointed) because (he) thought there was an element of consensus to consider some kind of ballot proposal."

Welborn's committee was supposed to issue its report by Feb. 15.

Few political observers, though, were optimistic such a

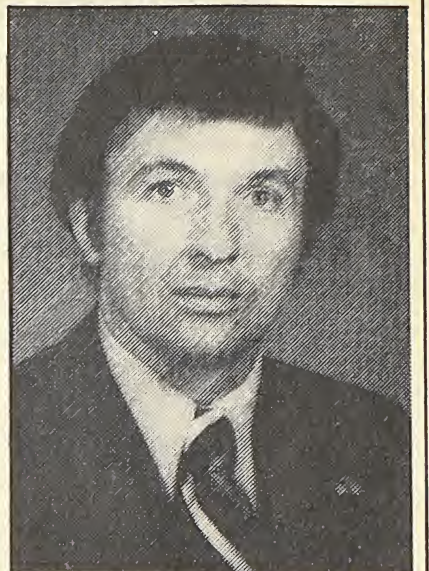


Rep. Jim Kosteva

report would ever be written. In fact, the document would be moot now that Right to Life of Michigan, an anti-abortion group, has decided to jump into the fray.

The group has started circulating petitions that call for a ban on abortions paid for with welfare money. Only abortions needed to save the life of the mother would be permitted under the proposal of the organization.

Right to Life needs to collect at least 191,726 signatures. The petitions, which went into circulation last Friday, said nothing about banning abortions



Sen. Robert Geake

sought by women who work for the State of Michigan or operations sought by any other women.

If all the required petition signatures are obtained then the legislature, according to the Michigan Constitution, must approve or reject the ban "within 40 session days from the time such petition is received by the legislature."

If the legislature chose not to act on the petition then the matter would automatically be decided in a statewide election. Geake said he does not believe the process will have to go that far.

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called sick. If there is a victim . . . then it is not friendship. Often, it is difficult to determine precisely what is going on between two people. Occasionally, there are, in fact, two victims, and the best thing that can be done is to dismantle the relationship for the benefit of both parties.

The best I guess I can offer is a caution to judge carefully whether a true friendship exists or whether such a bond is a one-sided commitment.

We often fall in to the trap of thinking that someone is a friend, when in fact they simply consider us merely an acquaintance.

When you are fortunate enough to have found a friend that you respect, can rely on to give you a straight answer, and unselfish aid, guard that friendship and keep it well.

If you are fortunate enough to be married to a friend, have a friend for a parent, brother, sister, daughter or son, guard that link with all your might, for those are the best there are. Friendship is one of life's greatest treasures.

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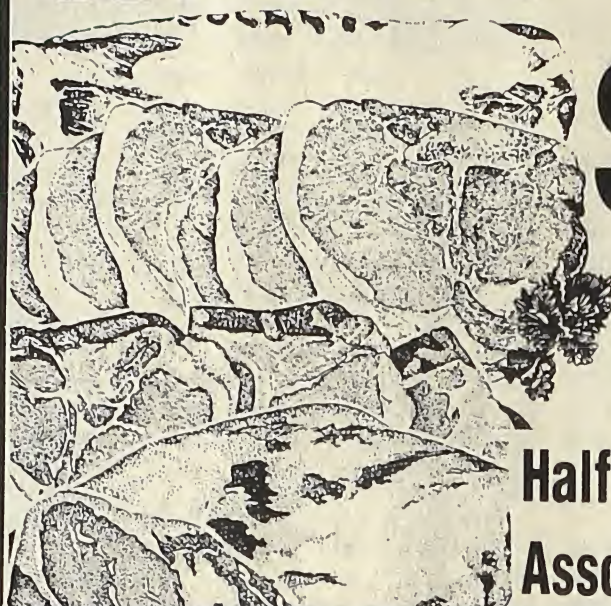


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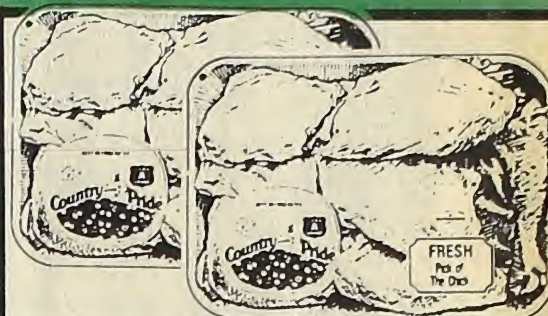


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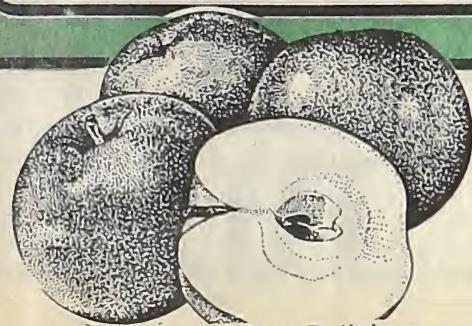
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lb.
6 to 10
Pound
Average

Boneless

Sirloin Tip
Roast

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lb.
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Ready



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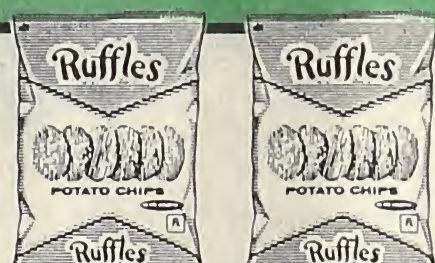


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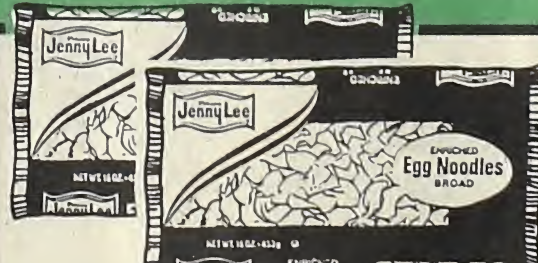


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